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Toronto feminist Stephanie Guthrie, who spoke out against the "Beat up Anita Sarkeesian" game, poses for a portrait Tuesday. Best known for founding Women in Toronto Politics, an organization that brings together women in Toronto's political community for panels and blog posts, Guthrie said she's never faced anything like the insults hurled at her online. She ultimately filed a police report on Monday night over the recent threats. PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Feminist gets death threats in gaming feud

Caught in the crossfire. Toronto tweeter deals with crude threats after criticizing 'Beat up Anita Sarkeesian' video game

When Stephanie Guthrie, a feminist activist from Toronto, heard about a game where players could beat American blogger Anita Sarkeesian's virtual face into a pulp, she immediately took to Twitter, openly criticizing the game and its creator.

But soon, Guthrie, 27, began receiving death and rape threats of her own.

This online vitriol emerged in response to a fundraising campaign started in May by Sarkeesian to produce a series of videos on female stereotypes in video games. By June, Sarkeesian had surpassed her goal of $6,000 by more than $150,000.

The game "Beat up Anita Sarkeesian" was created last week by a Sault Ste. Marie gamer who goes by @Bendilin on Twitter in response to this campaign. The gamer claimed that Sarkeesian had scammed people out of money.

"She claims to want gender equality in video games, but in reality, she just wants to use the fact that she was born with a vagina to get free money..." @Bendilin posted below the game on newsground.com. The day after it was posted, it was taken down from the site.

Although he continued to tweet about the game on Tuesday, @Bendilin ignored requests for an interview. The Twitter account had been registered to a Ben Spurr.

Sarkeesian also didn't respond to an interview request.

On Monday, one person tweeted to Guthrie: "I can be anywhere, anytime, and I can kill you in over seven hundred ways." More violent tweets followed from other users.

The situation led her to file a police report on Monday night.

"The critique I'm fine with," Guthrie said. "Unfortunately I find these people to be fairly obstinate and impossible to argue with." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Who will lead RIM next?

Shareholders, who stuck with the BlackBerry maker through the worst stretch in its history call for leadership upheaval PAGE 12

The pornstar sting that wasn't

Adult-film legend Ron Jeremy was supposed to be the 'bait' in a 2011 plot, hatched in part by Playboy playmates, to lure suspected body-parts killer Luka Magnotta PAGE 11

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News in pictures

1 Child porn.
Man gets four years in jail

A judge sentenced Oldrich Pelich, seen with his hand hiding his face as he arrived at the Ontario Superior Court Tuesday, to four years in prison for child-pornography offences. Pelich said he will appeal his conviction.
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2 Swans.
Getting all tangled up

A swan was found swimming with hooks in his chest and through his tongue. Residents and visitors to the Scarborough Bluffs are finding trumpeter swans are becoming entangled with fishing lines and hooks.
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3 Vandalism.
School hit by racist graffiti

Sikh principal Ripsodhak Grewal views racist graffiti Tuesday that was spray-painted on the Khalsa Community School in Brampton.
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Court. Girlfriend defends man accused of attacking her and their daughter

The girlfriend of a man accused of viciously assaulting her and maiming their baby for life is tearfully denying he was ever violent.

Calling her intended husband "sweet Malcolm," Christina Hammond, 21, fiercely defended him at his trial Tuesday, even though he is accused of assaulting her.

"I'm hurt because Malcolm is not supposed to be sitting there," Hammond said as she looked at Malcolm Ricketts, 22, in the Ontario Superior Court prisoner's box. He has been in custody 27 months.

Ricketts has pleaded not guilty to assaulting and attempting to choke Hammond, and aggravated assault and criminal negligence causing bodily harm to their daughter, Heaven Hammond-Ricketts. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"I want my family back."
Witness Christina Hammond

U of T. Urban dwellers have it worse with new changes to EI: Report

People new to the workforce living in cities like Toronto and Vancouver are most likely to have to take a job they don't want under changes to the country's employment insurance program, a report released Tuesday says.

A policy brief by the University of Toronto's Mowat Centre says it's "misleading" that much of the public debate around EI reform has focused on the negative impact the changes could have in rural and Atlantic Canada, where many industries rely on seasonal workers.

There aren't enough jobs in rural Canada for many people to be forced to take a job they don't like under the new rules, the brief says.

But frequent EI claimants in places with lower unemployment levels — like immigrants and young people living in big cities — may find themselves taking a job that isn't at the top of their lists.
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Charges laid following York U sexual assaults

Crime. Students have raised concerns over safety in past, accused university of dragging its feet when it comes to making permanent security improvements

A 20-year-old man faced charges Tuesday in a string of sexual assaults at York University as school officials once again reassured students the north Toronto campus is safe.

Police made the arrest Monday evening, four days after the first incidents allegedly took place in a central area considered a meeting spot for students.

Police said four women reported being sexually assaulted Thursday afternoon. Another woman came forward Monday with allegations of a similar incident Friday near campus.

In each case, it's alleged a man approached a woman, struck up a conversation, then groped her as she walked away.

The university — already under scrutiny after a number of violent incidents in the area in recent years — says it alerted students and stepped up security patrols at its Keele campus over the weekend.

The murder of a York student from China last year rocked the school and captured international attention. Brian Dickson was eventually charged with first-degree murder in the death of Qian Liu, 23.
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The suspect

- Oshane Leach is charged with three counts of sexual assault, two counts of criminal harassment and two counts of assault.
- He appeared in court Tuesday and was remanded into custody. His next appearance is scheduled for Wednesday.

Students wait at a bus stop near Vari Hall at York University's Keele campus. A fifth person has come forward reporting being sexually assaulted near the campus last week. JESSICA MCDIARMID/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Labour

Teachers' unions set for meeting with province

Unions representing Ontario's high school and French-language teachers have agreed to meet with the government just days after Catholic educators signed a two-year agreement. But elementary teachers, who walked away from talks months ago, have no plans to return. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Who's ponying up?

Liberals reveal $180M bill to relocate gas plant

Ontario will have to pay $180 million to relocate a 300-megawatt Mississauga gas plant that was cancelled just days before last year's provincial election, but the governing Liberals couldn't say whether taxpayers or ratepayers will end up footing the bill.
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Rush-hour traffic

Wayward geese shut down DVP, Gardiner

Two flocks of Canadian geese got a police escort after traffic was closed down at the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway Tuesday at 5 p.m. due to reports the birds were waddling into oncoming traffic. A few of the birds perished in traffic and others were injured. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rankings

Bloor still the most expensive place for Canadian retail

Toronto's Bloor Street strip remains the priciest retail space in Canada. The nation's "Mink Mile" leases for $310 US per square foot on average, placing it 34th on the international ranking, according to Colliers International 2012 Global Retail Report.
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On the web

Share It Maybe

Only Cookie Monster, Sesame Street's most infamous sugar addict, could make Carly Rae Jepsen's pop hit Call Me Maybe even sweeter. Go to metronews.ca to watch the puppet parody.

NDP on the attack

The New Democrats have hit back at the Tories with a new attack ad that features a perspiring and shaky Stephen Harper discussing his economic strategy for the future. Go to metronews.ca to see the video.

Mobile news

Police had a dirty job ahead of them after a U.S. woman allegedly stole and swallowed a $4,000 diamond ring. Scan the code to find out how cops assigned to the stinky stakeout got the pricey jewelry back.

Scoring from downtown

Herman Shikongo, 10, sinks a basket from a wheelchair at one of the activities set up in Nathan Phillips Square to mark the three-year countdown to the Pan Am Games in Toronto in 2015.

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Job hunter's story of stardom stars Nic Cage

Email error. Vanessa Hojda in the spotlight after accidentally sending picture of Hollywood leading man to a job posting

Vanessa Hojda owes her fame — and possibly a summer job — to Nicolas Cage.

The second-year York psychology student was thrust into the online limelight after she accidentally emailed a picture of Nicolas Cage to a job posting rather than her resumé. Since then, she's had a taste of celebrity herself.

"Now I Google my name and it comes up as a Washington post article," Hojda told Torstar News Service.

It all started with a job hunt. The unemployed 20-year-old stumbled upon a posting for a receptionist position at York University on Saturday and thought she had a good shot — she has related experience behind a desk. Hojda tailored her resumé, wrote a quick note to her potential boss, attached her resumé and clicked send.

Ten seconds later, she checked her outbox. Instead of her resumé, a beady-eyed .jpeg of Nicholas Cage stared back at her, teeth bared in a maniacal grin.

Hojda had saved the picture of Cage, who she says she loves "unironically," on her desktop after finding it online. Somehow she got the two files mixed up.

"The first thing I thought was let's post it on my blog, let's laugh about it," Hojda said.

She posted a screen-cap of the email on her Tumblr account with a note in all caps: "OH MY GOD."

Hojda thought the hilarity stopped there. But on Monday, Gawker published the post. It was then picked up by The Huffington Post, Yahoo! and finally, The Washington Post. In three days, she's pulled 700 new subscribers to her blog.

The miscue has helped pique the interest of some Toronto employers. Despite the swath of job offers and fleeting fame, however, the student says she won't make the same mistake twice. She deleted the picture of Cage from her desktop and saved her resumé with a new name: ThisIsYourResumeThisIsNotAPictureOfNicolasCage.doc.

Quoted

"I actually got some job offers saying, 'Hey, would you be interested in being a social media rep?'"

Vanessa Hojda

York student Vanessa Hojda accidentally sent a picture of Nicolas Cage to a job listing rather than her resume. The mistake may have landed her a (different) summer job. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Give 30 helping the hungry

Ziyaad Mia's coffee cup gets an annual, month-long rest.

It's simply not needed during Ramadan, the holy month of daily fasting for Muslims. Starting July 20, he and over a billion other Muslims will abstain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset.

For years, Mia saved money giving up his daily dose of coffee. Now, he's inspired to divert those funds to the truly hungry.

"People are giving up something during Ramadan — food — so what if we asked them to give that money to the food bank?" he says.

That's how the Give 30 campaign started.

Feeling hunger and thirst on a daily basis is a reminder to be grateful for the food and water we have, says Mia, and to fulfill an obligation to help those in need.

Mia, a Toronto lawyer, and a crew of dedicated volunteers started the Give 30 fundraising campaign, asking Muslims and non-Muslims to give up $1 a day — $30 for the month — to help those in Toronto who are hungry. The program is run entirely by volunteers.

"Charity is like a bedrock principle in Islam. Islam's teaching is that you're not an atom living in the world alone. We are all interdependent," he says.

The funds raised go to the Daily Bread Food Bank, a Toronto distribution centre supplying other local food banks. There are over a million client visits every year in Toronto.

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Stocking the shelves

Give 30 comes at a critical time of the year for food banks, according to Sarah Anderson, spokesperson for Daily Bread.

- "During the summer, donations are quite slow. Needs are about the same," she says.

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Replica gun

Hostage-taker had fake firearm

An official says a man who took hostages at a school complex south of Paris, France, used a "fake firearm."

All hostages were released unharmed Tuesday and a suspect detained.

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Convention tragedy

Twilight Saga fan killed by car

A 53-year-old woman was hit by a car at the scene of a Twilight Saga convention in San Diego. She died later.

The victim, identified by witnesses as "Gisella G.," was apparently attempting to keep a spot in the lineup for Thursday's Comic-Con panel featuring the cast and filmmakers of The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn.

Reports said she had been in the lineup with friends since Sunday.

Police said she tried to run across Harbor Drive against the light Tuesday morning and stopped when she saw a Subaru Outback heading toward her, tripping into the vehicle.

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Quebec drama

Fire deaths spark murder fears

Three bodies found inside a burning garage in a community north of Montreal have police fearing a murder-suicide.

Police say autopsies are needed to identify the remains and determine the cause of death.

A family of three lived at the home in Warwick — a 47-year-old man, his 13-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. He had full custody of the children.

In the hours leading up to the blaze, the owner of the home published a lengthy diatribe on his Facebook page denouncing a court decision allowing his ex-wife to have partial custody of the children.

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Canadian's tribute

Asteroid named for gay pioneer

Canadian astronomer Gary Billings, who discovered several asteroids, has named one after U.S. gay rights pioneer Frank Kameny, who died last year.

Kameny was fired from his job for being gay.

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Warlord jailed: Is his partner next?

Lubanga gets 14 years. He and renegade Bosco Ntaganda sent child soldiers to kill and be killed

The International Criminal Court on Tuesday sentenced a Congolese warlord to 14 years in jail for using child soldiers.

But Thomas Lubanga's partner in crime has yet to be brought to justice.

Lubanga was found guilty in March of recruiting, kidnapping and abusing children — sending them to kill and be killed during tribal fighting in Congo's northeast Ituri region in 2002-2003.

Lubanga's was the first guilty judgment passed down in the court's decade-old existence.

But the mustachioed Lubanga, who cried when he was put on a plane from Congo to The Hague in 2006, is a small player among Congo's many belligerents.

Lubanga's case has brought pressure for the arrest of his much more infamous partner, renegade Congolese army Gen. Bosco Ntaganda. The ICC indicted both men for war crimes involving child soldiers.

But a 2009 peace deal saw Ntaganda wearing the stripes of a general as he integrated his fighters into the Congolese army.

Sensing the end of the road this year, the veteran warlord took off and now is accused of orchestrating a new rebellion in April.

On Tuesday, Judge Adrian Fulford said the time Lubanga has been detained since 2006 will be deducted from his sentence, meaning the 51-year-old will be free before he turns 60.

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Grim Reaper cuts to the chase: Science policies in peril

A protester wearing a Grim Reaper costume is the focus of a crowd's attention on Parliament Hill on Tuesday during a rally to protest the federal government's cuts to science policies. Protesters cite cuts to research programs in Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the National Research Council of Canada, Statistics Canada and elsewhere. Dr. Scott Findlay, associate professor and former director of the University of Ottawa's Institute of Environment, says there is a "systematic campaign to reduce the flow of scientific evidence to Canadians."

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Forgotten at airport on Christmas Eve, foreign student vows to help other newcomers

For 21-year-old Parth Tadhani of Gurgaon, India, the dream of studying in Canada turned into a nightmare when he landed in Toronto on Christmas Eve, 2010, and a former classmate failed to meet him at the airport.

"It was freezing cold, and I was afraid since I didn't know where to go," recalls Parth, who waited five hours at the baggage claim before he reached a relative of his old schoolmate, who came and offered temporary shelter.

Things didn't improve soon either, since Parth struggled to master English and keep up with his electro-mechanical engineering studies at Centennial College. Every detail of daily life was confusing, including managing his money. Without a bank account, he nervously stashed cash in his room, and when he finally opened an account at a major bank, no one explained how to use debit or credit cards.

Fortunately Parth persisted and learned the Canadian ways, by making friends at college and at his apartment block, where a kindly building superintendent advised him about everything from catching a bus to depositing money at an ABM.

Parth then pledged to help other newcomers avoid stressful arrivals in Canada, like his. He contacted a community centre in India to spread the word that he could assist any Indian students landing in Toronto. Soon, he was busy exchanging e-mails with foreign students, greeting them at the airport, teaching them to use transit and register for school. At Centennial College, where students hail from around the world, his advice was quickly in demand.

Parth provides his peers future-minded financial tips, like telling them to get a credit card, and make the payments regularly, so they can build a credit history and access loans later if needed. Today, he suggests the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for International Students, which includes special product offerings to provide worry-free financial solutions while studying in Canada.

Parth now knows that international students can actually apply for a bank account in Canada through select Scotiabank branches in India and Mexico or in China through China Everbright Bank, before leaving their home country, to reduce their financial concerns.

Not expecting any thanks for his volunteer duties, Parth was amazed when he was invited to a formal ceremony at City Hall last October to receive a City of Toronto Community Service Award, as well as a $500 award from Scotiabank, to recognize his good deeds for international students.

"Parth's commitment to his peers and to helping them start right is much like the efforts of our Scotiabank advisors", remarks Winnie Leong, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. "Every day, our advisors are able to help newcomers through our ***Scotiabank StartRight*** Program, offering advice and financial solutions to help them plan for their dreams in Canada. Many of these same advisors were new to Canada once, and they understand what it's like to just be starting out."

"I volunteered because someone helped me and I want to make sure that others have fewer problems," says Parth, who is graduating with top marks while he works as a peer tutor and applies for a Masters degree in engineering. "I'm happy there are people out there, including Scotiabankers, who can help remove the difficulties that newcomers often experience."

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Too-smart phones? May know where you're going

Researchers have developed an algorithm that can predict where you will be in the future using data gathered from your friends' smartphones.

In the study of two hundred people, the algorithm was able to predict the location of some users 24 hours later within 100 metres, some as close as 20 metres. Mirco Musolesi, lead researcher and computer science lecturer at the University of Birmingham, said the algorithm is exploiting the synchronized rhythm of the city.

"I know this kind of thing looks kind of Big Brother" said Musolesi.

"There is a problem for privacy, it is a big problem for these kind of services in general."

Still, if users' phone information could be protected, the algorithm has a potential future in targeted advertising, said Musolesi.

The algorithm predicts someone's movements by comparing their data with people in their social group. For example, if Bob usually goes to the gym on Tuesday, but instead does an errand, the algorithm will look to his friends, Jack and Joe. If Jack and Joe are doing their normal routine, the algorithm will, probably correctly, predict Bob will continue on to his normal routine, following his errand.

"The mutual information between these two patterns is very high," said Musolesi. "The movement of friends is highly coordinated, and synchronized." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trinidad & Tobago

Machinery crushes nesting turtle eggs

A conservation group in Trinidad & Tobago is calling for an investigation into how government work crews crushed leatherback turtle eggs and hatchlings on a prime nesting beach. The endangered species' eggs and hatchlings were crushed by heavy machinery as workers redirected a shifting river over the weekend.

A conservation group says the government allowed the crew to operate "without any qualified supervision" on the ecologically sensitive beach. Conservationists say they saw thousands of crushed leatherback eggs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hop on a bike, light up a street, and get out early

Brazil. Prison program allows inmates to get days off their sentence in exchange for producing electricity

Inmates pedal stationary bikes to charge car batteries at a prison in Santa Rita do Sapucai, Brazil. The innovative program allows inmates to shave days off their sentence. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazilian inmate Ronaldo da Silva hops on a bicycle and pedals furiously, clocking up several kilometres before slowing down and jumping off.

Silva hasn't gotten far, in fact not an inch. He's still inside the medium-security prison where he's serving a 5.5-year sentence for holding up a bakery.

But he did move a bit closer to freedom. Silva is part of an innovative program that allows inmates at a prison in Brazil's southeastern Minas Gerais state to reduce their sentences in exchange for generating power to help illuminate the town at night.

By pedaling the prison's stationary bikes, the inmates charge a battery that's used to power 10 street lamps along the town's riverside promenade. For every three eight-hour days they spend on the bikes, Silva and the voluntary program's other participants get one day shaved off their sentences.

It is one of several new projects being implemented across Brazil, including literacy and book-reading programs, aimed at thinning out notoriously overcrowded prisons and cutting down on recidivism by helping restore inmates' sense of self-worth. Lambasted by critics as too soft on criminals, such initiatives are seen by their defenders as effective ways of breaking the cycle of violence that reigns in the country's prisons.

"We used to spend all day locked up in our cells, only seeing the sun for two hours a day," said 38-year-old Silva. "Now we're out in the fresh air, generating electricity for the town and at the same time we're winning our freedom." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Protestant pageantry

A child stands on a massive bonfire in the Shankill Estate in West Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday. Thousands of bonfires have been built in Protestant areas across the country for the annual July 11 bonfire night where they celebrate the 1690 battle of the Boyne where the Protestant King William of Orange defeated the Catholic King James.

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UN. Kofi Annan presses his peace plan for Syria

The UN's special envoy on the Syrian crisis sought to build support for his peace efforts Tuesday with the leaders of Iran and Iraq, saying President Bashar Assad has agreed to a plan to quell the bloodshed in the most violent areas of Syria and then expand the operation to the whole country.

Kofi Annan said at a news conference in Iran that the plan still must be presented to the Syrian opposition. But he said his talks with Assad focused on a new approach to ending the violence, which activists say has killed more than 17,000 people since March 2011.

"(Assad) made a suggestion of building an approach from the ground up in some of the districts where we have extreme violence — to try and contain the violence in those districts and, step by step, build up and end the violence across the country." Annan told reporters in Tehran.

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"My presence here proves that I believe Iran can play a positive role and should therefore be a part of the solution in the Syrian crisis."

Kofi Annan, after meeting with the Iranian foreign minister.

Remote-controlled planes

Terror plot accused pleads guilty

A man charged with plotting to fly remote-controlled model planes packed with explosives into the Pentagon and U.S. capitol will plead guilty to two charges, his lawyers and prosecutors said in a plea agreement filed in federal court Tuesday.

Rezwan Ferdaus, who has a physics degree from Boston's Northeastern University, was arrested in September after U.S. federal employees posing as al-Qaida members delivered materials he had allegedly requested, including grenades, machine-guns and what he believed was 11 kg of C-4, a plastic explosive.

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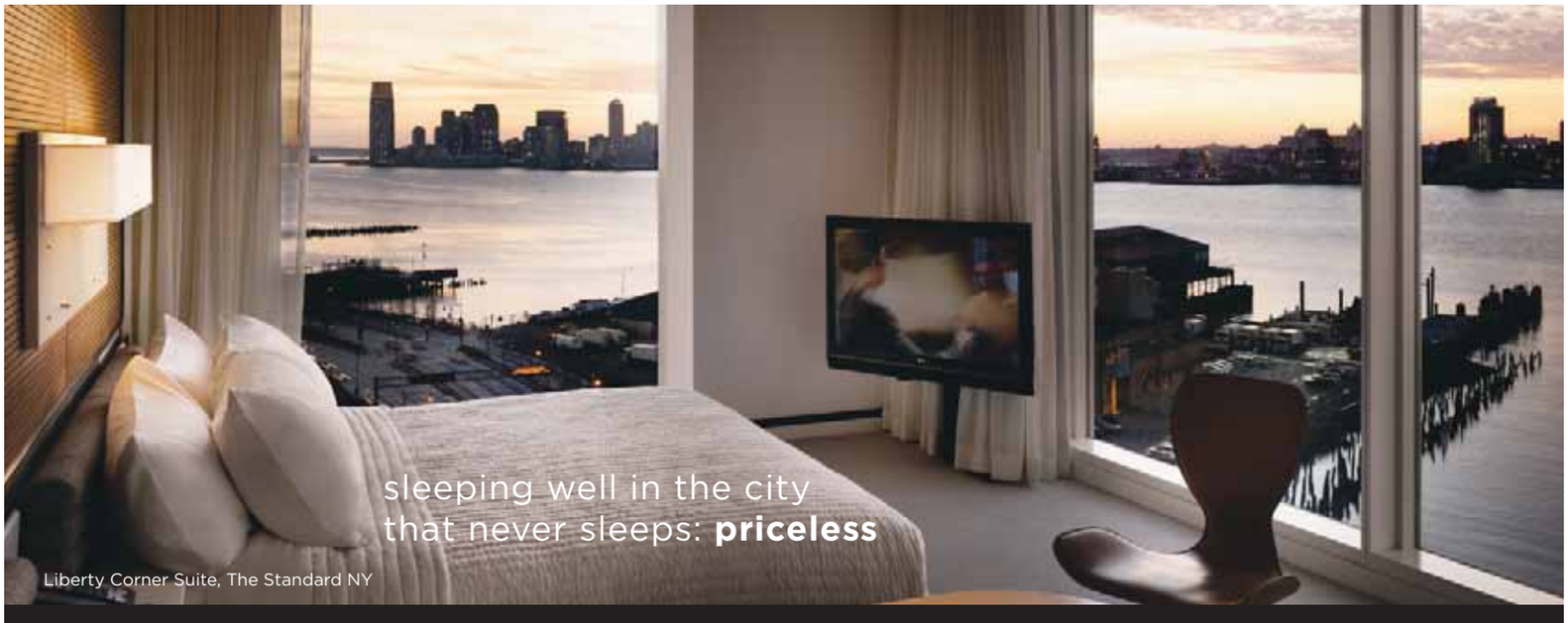

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Porn star was courted to catch Luka Magnotta

Sting. Animal-rights activists approached Ron Jeremy after Magnotta was suspected of killing kittens

Ron Jeremy JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

Twin Playboy bunnies and an animal-rights group tried to enlist one of the world's biggest porn stars last year to help catch Luka Rocco Magnotta.

Ron Jeremy said he was asked to lure Magnotta, a small-time Canadian porn actor, to L.A. with a phoney job offer to appear in an X-rated flick.

The ploy was concocted more than a year before Magnotta became a murder suspect in the gruesome death of Montreal student Jun Lin.

Instead of meeting a legend who's cavorted for the camera in more than 2,000 adult films, Magnotta was to be apprehended by a hard-nosed group of animal-rights activists.

Jeremy, however, got cold feet and the sting operation never moved ahead.

At the time, animal-rights advocates had alleged that Magnotta killed kittens and posted videos of the deeds on the Internet — accusations he has publicly denied.

Jeremy, an active animal-rights campaigner, wanted to help out, but was uncomfortable with the whole idea of being the bait.

"That's a little bit out of my league, don't you think?" Jeremy told The Canadian Press in a phone interview.

"It's like an episode from some TV show. The (guy) comes to the set with lube in one hand and his schmeckle in the other thinking he has a job, and the cops tackle him to the ground.

"That's good for the movies. That doesn't work in real life."

The idea for the trap was hatched by Rescue Ink, a group of rough-and-tumble activists based in N.Y. Its membership includes cops, military personnel and tattooed "street guys."

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RIM execs clash with shareholders

BlackBerry-maker. Chairwoman says she is confident re-elected board will move company forward

Chair Barbara Stymiest and Thorsten Heins, President and CEO of Research in Motion (RIM), talk at the company's annual general meeting in Waterloo on Tuesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shareholders of Research In Motion expressed their frustration Tuesday with the company's delayed product launch and eroding market share, with some calling for a major upheaval in its leadership.

During RIM's annual meeting, one shareholder turned his attention to the board members who have helped guide the company since its heyday as the dominant smartphone.

"They've let this problem that RIM faces ... get out of hand so badly before they did something about it," he said. "I don't think, personally, that any of the old directors of the company should sit here today."

The crowd of about 300 people broke into applause after the comments.

However, shareholders still re-elected all of the board nominees, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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I'm sure there were squabbles along the way, but when I look back I recall wonderful moments. I remember sunny days, stopping for ice cream at viewpoints along the highway, singing along to popular radio hits as we wound through the mountains and countless giggles as we entertained ourselves with silly road trip games like "I Spy".

But by far, the best part of our road trip was an unexpected adventure along the way. On an excursion to Lake Louise we took a wrong turn, and found ourselves driving down a secluded road underneath a canopy of trees, all alone except for an occasional sighting of wildlife. The views were spectacular and no one was in a hurry to return to the highway, so we carried on.

Eventually, the pavement became bumpy gravel. Crawling along at 10km an hour, we finally came to the end of the road – with a magnificent vista in view: sparkling turquoise water encircled by rugged mountains. Rather than reaching our planned destination, we had accidentally discovered Lake Moraine, a pristine glacial lake, far away from the touristy crowds. We sat still and quiet in the car, taking in the breathtaking view and realizing how lucky we were to get lost after all.

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TOUGH TO DENY GLOBAL WARMING WITH RECORD HEAT

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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The evidence is mounting.

The past six months have been the hottest in U.S. history. Going back further, the last 12 months have been the hottest in the U.S. since they began keeping weather records and all the meteorologists had beards.

If that's not "global warming," I don't know what is. But, of course, if you're floating along De Nial and you encounter evidence that might capsize your boat, you just toss it overboard.

Science says ...

Frustrated by the intransigence of climate-change deniers, scientists are standing in line to point at the latest results and say 'I told you so.'

There's a great new book by Michael Shermer, the editor of the Skeptic magazine, called The Believing Brain, which argues we have a tendency to form our beliefs first and then go out looking for the evidence to support them, rather than the other way around. How else can you explain the fact that more people believe in angels (72 per cent) than Darwin's Theory of Evolution (45 per cent), even though there is plenty of evidence for evolution (e.g., the entire fossil record) and zero evidence for angels (It's a Wonderful Life doesn't count).

Of course there are exceptions. Like Vancouver, where I live. Vancouver appears to be the sole exception to global warming on the entire continent. While everyone else is sweltering through the hottest summer on record, the poor downtrodden, sodden masses of Vancouver have just been through the fourth-coldest June on record. It's been the Vancouver version of winter (10 degrees, raining) since last October.

From where we sit (shivering, cowering), global warming can only be seen as a cruel hoax. It may have reached an all-time record high of 113 F (45 C) in Johnston, S.C., recently, but it only reached or exceeded 20 C five times in Vancouver throughout all of May and June. I've got moss growing on the north side of my house. My feet haven't been warm since 1989, when I moved to the "Wet Coast."

Global warming is a little quirky in spots.

That doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Angered and frustrated by the intransigence of climate-change deniers, scientists are standing in line to point at the latest results and say "I told you so." That's except for those scientists whose funding has been cut by the Harper government. They're standing in that other line, the unemployment line.

This weather is crazy, just like Jeff Grayson, who somersaults from a rope swing in Cockeysville, Md., in this July 2 photo.
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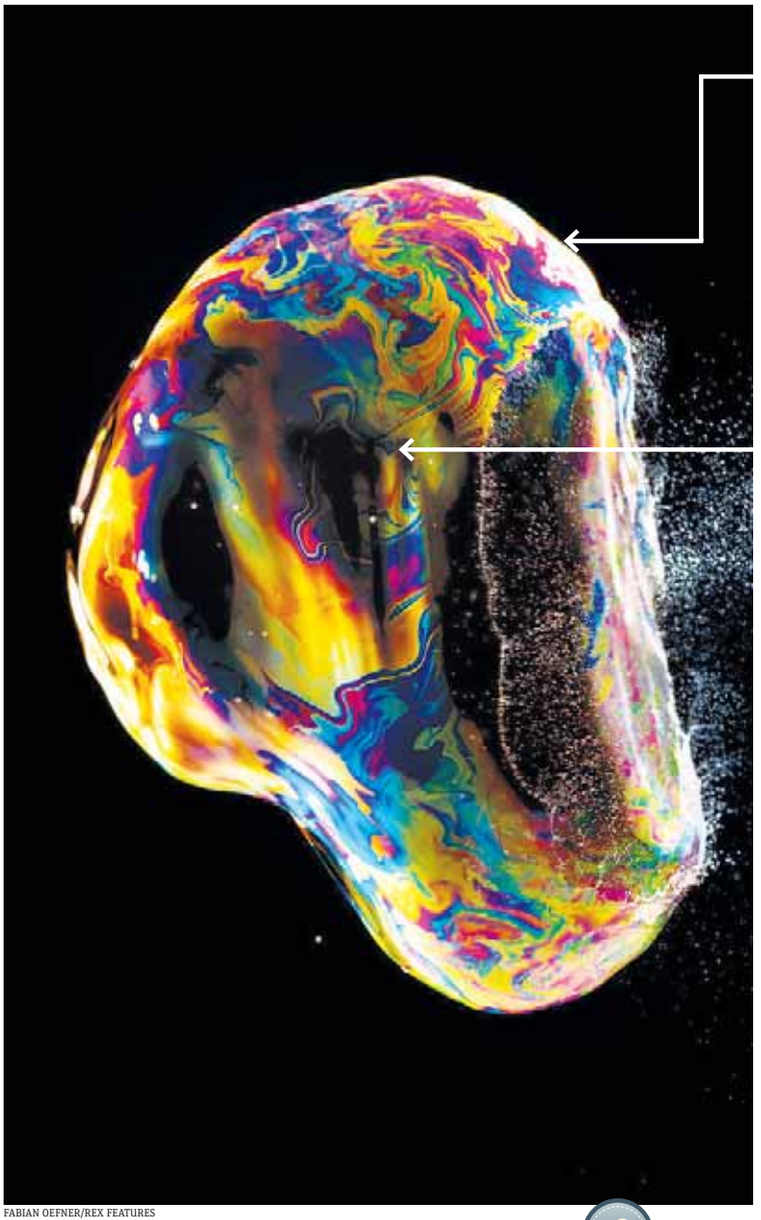
I'm guessing all this hot air will remain an inconvenient truth, especially for the government of Canada, which is among the most heavily invested in denial, thanks to the inconvenient truth that Alberta's oilsands — which mean billions to the nation's economy — are the poster petroleums of climate change.

Still, when Calgary, Stephen Harper's own Greatest City on Earth, and principal beneficiary of the oilsands, is in the middle of a nasty heat wave, you have to wonder if he and his oil-baron buddies are getting a little hot under the collar.

If they're looking for relief, we in Vancouver will gladly take a couple of degrees.

Sorry to burst your bubble



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Offbeat photography

Artwork goes pop

This surreal amorphous shape looks like something otherworldly, but in truth it's an ordinary soap bubble, made to look spectacular thanks to some ingenious high-speed photography.

Swiss photographer Fabian Oefner, 28, made it his mission to capture the short-lived beauty of bubbles as they burst. METRO

Oefner on his art

- **The first challenge.** "A soap bubble is made of a thin film of water, on which soap molecules gather on both sides. The vibrant colours that bubbles are famous for are created by the reflected light hitting the surface of the bubble — the bubble itself has no colour at all. To make these reflection effects ... I had to place lights around the bubbles from all different sides."

Other uses of bubbles

Bubbles used for thinnest TV screen

Earlier this month, an international research team discovered a way to use a soap-bubble screen as the world's thinnest TV display. Japanese and U.S. scientists used ultrasonic sound to change the properties of a bubble's membrane. The technology can be used to display 3D images using a series of bubble screens put together. METRO

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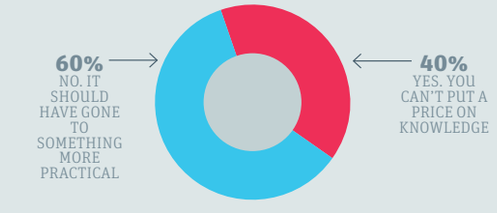

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@mcm12:
Why am I getting updates about the York U sexual assaults from a news station and not @yorkuniversity? Thank you for being on top of things.

@PharaohSpacely:
Man if I ever see a girl who looks like Penny Proud, I'm marrying her that day

@ceefinnski:
Why don't Canada's scientists create a giant mutant scientist that terrorizes the government? I mean, come on, they're scientists.

@bravotoronto:
As a '70s child never imagined a future where 'evidence' would be something people would have to rally for. Sigh.

@Noahvdl:
To protect #Toronto 's tree canopy from the Emerald ash borer, could we introduce certain ant species?

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Scene in brief

Run-DMC to perform for first time in a decade

They haven't performed together in more than a decade, but the surviving members of Run-DMC are set to reunite this fall at the Fun Fun Fun Fest in Austin. Joseph Simmons, now known as Rev. Run, and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels retired the group after their DJ, Jam Master Jay, was killed in 2002. But it was announced Tuesday that the band will be among the performers for the Nov. 2-4 event. Festival organizers say they plan to donate some of the proceeds to the JMJ Foundation for Music, which works to give youth access to the arts.
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On the web

Crooner Michael Bublé joins Blake Shelton's The Voice team, advising singing contestants.

Ice Age: Continental Drift continues a Hollywood tradition of bending history. HANDOUT

Hollywood history earns failing grade

Top 10. Here are just a few examples of movies that rewrite the history books to suit their narratives

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse
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"We fought dinosaurs in the ice age," Sid the Sloth says in this weekend's Ice Age: Continental Drift. "It didn't make sense, but it was fun."

It doesn't make sense because dinosaurs were already extinct by the time Manny, Sid and Diego entered the ice age, but the popular kids' movies aren't trying to teach, they're simply continuing a long-held Hollywood tradition of bending history to suit their stories.

Here are 10 other bits of Hollywood history that earn a failing grade.

1 When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth drew on Phoenician, Latin and Sanskrit to create a fake caveman language. Here's a quick Berlitz primer in cavespeak: For "come back" say "neecha," "akita" is "look" and "neecro" is "bad."

2 The man-eating Rhedosaurusis in The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms is a dinosaur, but one that no paleontologist would recognize. It's rumoured the mythical beast's name was inspired by the initials of the man who created it, special effects wiz Ray Harryhausen.

3 Mel Gibson wore clothes from the future in Braveheart. The movie is set in the late 13th century, but the kilts he wears didn't come into existence until 300 years later.

4 Instead of dying in the gladiatorial arena, as Gladiator would have you believe, Emperor Commodus was strangled in a bathtub a decade after his would-be movie assassin (played by Russell Crowe) died.

5 The Spartans in 300 run into battle against the Persian army protected only by leather thongs and rock-hard abs, when in fact they wore bronze armour.

6 As a knight returning from the Crusades in 1272, Nic Cage discovers a plague outbreak in Season of the Witch. Trouble is, the Black Death didn't strike until 76 years later.

7 In 10,000 BC woolly mammoths are used as labour to build the pyramids in Egypt. Wrong! Woolly mammoths weren't desert creatures and the pyramids weren't built until 2500 BC.

8 In Elizabeth: The Golden Age, the Queen is courted by Ivan the Terrible in 1585, who, in reality, was dead by then, felled by a stroke while playing chess.

9 California joins the Union at the end of Legend of Zorro in a ceremony that includes President Lincoln. Whoops! California became a state in 1850 and Lincoln wasn't president until 1861.

10 The title of the historical disaster film Krakatoa: East of Java is a geographical head-scratcher. Krakatoa was actually west of Java.

Big Brother is back

Top 10 Big Brother moments

To mark the return of Big Brother, we count down some of the craziest moments from the first 13 seasons. The reality show returns to Global this Thursday at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

1 **Torture cage:** A challenge where house guests were locked in a cage for several hours with restricted movement. (Season 6)

2 **All washed up:** Housemates had to collect liquid while running through aisles of foam. (Season 8)

3 **Bunny hop:** House guests had to stand on a platform for several hours holding a key during a downpour. (Season 8)

4 **Name that pie:** A food challenge where house guests had to eat a pie and guess the unpleasant ingredients. (Season 8)

5 **Brownie house:** A food challenge where the contestants had to gain the most weight after eating a large house made of brownies. (Season 3)

6 **Shannon's revenge:** Shannon cleans the toilet with fellow contestant Hardy's toothbrush. Producers had to step in to stop the act. (Season 2)

7 **Renny sleepwalking:** Enough said. (Season 10)

8 **Twins revealed:** Adria and Natalie reveal that they are twins and have been switching places for weeks. (Season 5)

9 **Marcellus gives up veto:** He gives it up because he is certain the team will let him stay, but he winds up eliminated. (Season 3)

10 **Will's veto speech:** The speech when he says he hates everyone and wants to go home. (Season 7) METRO

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What began in 1947 in Edinburgh, Scotland, has sparked an international wave of festival's that don't present mainstream theatre. So named because of their ability to buck convention, fringe theatre festivals have become summer staples across many Canadian cities.

The Toronto Fringe Festival, started in 1989 and is now one of the largest theatre events in the city, continues to stay true to its fringe roots and has become an outlet for actors, writers and directors to explore and try new material in an informal setting.

The result is a very cool opportunity to catch some of the city's most exciting theatre in an informal capacity.

Strewn across various pop-up theatres and centred in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood, the Fringe Festival may seem daunting — yet it is one of the most accessible of all Toronto's cultural events.

With more than 150 shows and with ticket prices fairly low (advance tickets are $11, tickets at the door are only $10 and Fringe aficionados' can get packages for $45), Toronto's Fringe has something for everyone. Best of all, The Fringe returns 100 per cent of all box office revenues to artists.

Current favourite Fringe play is the acclaimed Help Yourself, a three-man show produced by up-and-coming Theatre Brouhaha. Help Yourself won the 2012 Toronto Fringe Festival New Play Contest. Written by Kat Sandler, Help Yourself explores the price that humans are willing to pay in order to clear their consciousness.

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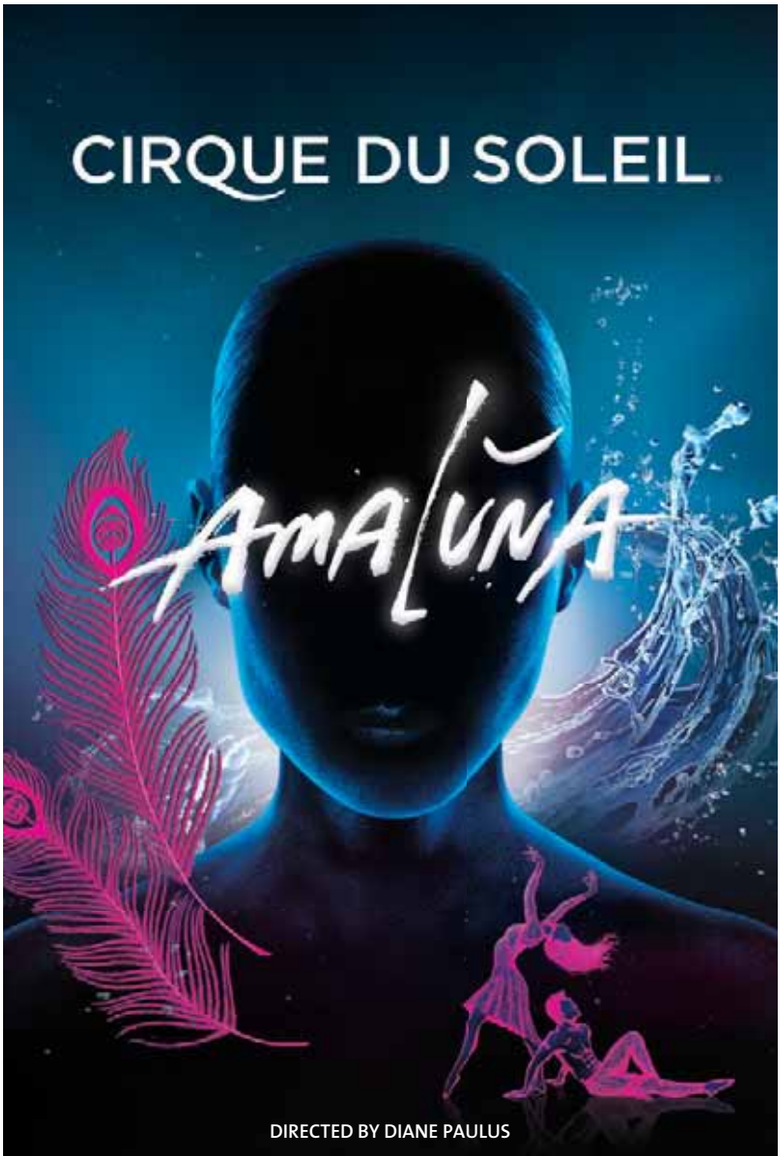

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David Morse, left and Martin Donovan star in Collaborator. HANDOUT

Collaborator pairs deadpan comedy with fantastic dialogue

New film. Metro spoke to Martin Donovan about his new thriller and how he drew on personal experiences to make the film

ADAM NAYMAN
Metro World News

"I used the device of the hostage movie, but it's really not a hostage movie," says Martin Donovan of his new thriller Collaborator, which just picked up two awards at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

"I used it to impose restrictions, so that the characters were stuck somewhere and couldn't leave.

"I wanted to lock two guys in a room — a cerebral, intellectual guy and someone who's more earthy and uncomfortable in his skin — and explore themes of violence."

Unsurprisingly, Donovan plays the "cerebral guy" — a successful playwright mulling an extra-marital affair who gets trapped in his childhood home by a gun-toting neighbour played by David Morse.

Quoted

"I was a child in the '60s and when I was in sixth grade the kid two doors down came home from Vietnam and I went to his funeral. I saw the casket. I was 11-years-old. It's something that's stayed with me."

Martin Donovan
Talking about his own experiences with the Vietnam War and that era

The 54-year old Donovan is famous for playing chatty, brainy characters in the films of 1980s-indie-auteur Hal Hartley; Collaborator is his first script, and it's smart stuff, alternating between deadpan comedy and electrifying dialogue exchanges. It's also subtly politicized, with crucial references to the Vietnam War that Donovan says were drawn from his own childhood experiences.

"I was a child in the '60s and when I was in sixth grade the kid two doors down came home from Vietnam and I went to his funeral. I saw the casket. I was 11-years-old. It's something that's stayed with me, and as I've matured, I've been obsessed with trying to make sense of the world, and that's sort of seeped through into the writing of this film. I wanted to tell a compelling story about characters that audiences could care about but I also had to process the social and political context of my life experience."

Donovan says that making those connections are essential to any successful film, and that while he hopes Collaborator is entertaining, he is not interested making escapist entertainment.

"I saw an interview with the novelist Walter Mosley and he said something that just went straight into my brain, which is that a story without social or political content is a fairy tale. I want to know if the personal and political can be separated. I don't think they can. You can lie to yourself and stick your head in the sand, but even that is a political act."

Lily Allen. ALL PHOTOS FROM GETTY IMAGES

Lily Allen pregnant with second child?

After welcoming her first child with husband Sam Cooper in November 2011, Lily Allen is reportedly pregnant again, with a second child due later this year, according to the Sunday Mirror.

"She's pregnant but it's early. Lily doesn't want to talk about it yet," a source says.

"Lily has started telling her friends, and everybody in her close circle is so excited for her."

Last month, Allen announced she was back in the recording studio, but those plans may have to wait.

"It was a surprise, but Lily and Sam are thrilled," a source says of the new pregnancy.

"The pair of them have loved every minute of parenthood so far and wanted to expand their brood quickly. So it's great timing."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Katie Holmes goes to a Spice Girl for marriage counseling

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After she reached a divorce settlement with Tom Cruise on Monday, we were all set to go back to ignoring Katie Holmes for the next decade or so.

But then this little bit leaked: It seems she turned to none other than Victoria Beckham for marriage advice.

"Victoria's been a real tower of strength. Katie's seen how a normal marriage should function by being around Victoria and David Beckham, so she knew that something was wrong with her relationship with Tom," a source tells Now magazine.

"(Victoria) has been trying not to take sides, but she has let Katie know she'll be there for her whatever she chooses to do."

Katie, we get that you've had an exceedingly strange, disconnected five years, but marriage counseling from a Spice Girl?

Did you consult your Barbie legal panel, too?

Join us back in the real world, girl.

Kristen Wiig

Kristen Wiig continues to shy away from spotlight

Kristen Wiig is enjoying her budding romance with Strokes drummer Fabrizio Moretti — who used to date Wiig pal Drew Barrymore — but that doesn't mean she's comfortable talking about it.

"I am shyer than most people think," Wiig tells Marie Claire. "I will say that I'm happier than I've been and I feel very lucky right now."

As for her departure from Saturday Night Live after seven seasons, Wiig says that was always the plan.

"I know a lot of people probably assume, 'Oh, she's leaving because she is going to be doing movies now and things like that,' which I will be," she says.

"But I just always knew it was going to be seven and that was it. I think maybe if I were 22, I could see myself staying a little bit, but it just felt like the right time."

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Are you brave enough to descend into a Hell Hole?

Book excerpt.
Looking for a trip off the beaten path? Try thumbing through a collection of weird Ontario sites

Some of the Hell Holes near Napanee, Ont., have ladders so visitors can descend their depths. COURTESY: TOP 115 UNUSUAL THINGS TO SEE IN ONTARIO, BOSTON MILLS PRESS

A walk through the forest can sometimes be a dangerous thing, not necessarily from wolves or bears or even deer hunters, but from a careless step into a hole, especially when the hole leads to Hell.

The limestone ridge along the Salmon River north of Napanee, Ont. contains some of the area's most unusual natural features.

There are caves, crevices and odd-looking rock columns. But the strangest of the oddities are what locals call the "Hell Holes."

To early settlers unfamiliar with geology, these holes in the forest floor seemed to have no end. While most are little larger than foxholes, a few are large enough to allow a human to squeeze through.

Those who braved the descent found caverns that stretched in many directions.

Geologists refer to these phenomena as "karst" features. Karst topography occurs when soft limestone layers beneath a hard upper layer dissolve in water.

This weathering causes caves and caverns, and the Hell Holes.

Similar to caves, the holes in the forest floor can open into large, pitch-black rooms, one of which was once large enough to hold 20 people (it later collapsed).

While there are other locations in Ontario with similar features, the ridge by the Salmon River, near the village of Roblindale, offers the greatest concentration of these cavities. Most are located in the privately run Hell Holes Park.

Here, a self-guided trail, a little over three kilometers long, leads not only to the strange holes, but also over natural rock bridges, through eerie canyons lined with layered cliffs and columns, and then to the Devil's Horses' Stable hole, 7.5 metres deep and 2.5 by 3.5 metres square. A ladder leads to those depths.

Hell Holes Park is located on Centreville Road about 5.5 kilometres east of Highway 41, and 10.7 kilometres north of Highway 401 (Exit 579). Snacks, gifts and, of course, flashlights are available in the log cabin shop. It is said that one visitor even took his wedding vows in the Hell Holes.

The duration of this marriage is not known.

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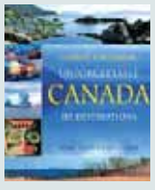
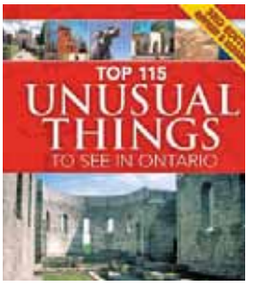


For those who wonder about sites across Canada, there's a guide for that too. Unforgettable Canada: 115 Destinations covers the most remarkable sites Canada offers from coast-to-coast. From the Gatineau Hot-Air Balloon Festival to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, there's something that's guaranteed to pique your interest — whatever that may be.



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3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Montreal hotel tops customer review

A downtown Montreal hotel boasting an art collection featuring the likes of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Marc Chagall has topped Expedia's annual list of the best Canadian hotels. LHotel, located on Rue Saint-Jacques near the Palais des congress, scored highest in 2011 in Expedia customer reviews, says the online travel agency. The hotel, which opened in 2001, occupies an 1870 building that first served as the head office of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank.

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On the web

Canadians not always aware of medical costs when travelling: BMO survey

Ottawa 'hood filled with discerning 'taste'

Doughnuts on display at SuzyQ doughnuts. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hintonburg. Rough-and-tumble neighbourhood is home to some of the best treats in Canada's capital

On the first day that the word went out on Twitter that the new TacoLot food stand was slinging its wares, the place ran out of product somewhere around 1 p.m.

At SuzyQ doughnuts next door — with homemade, melt-in-your-mouth confections including a real bacon and maple syrup doughnut — you have to visit strategically to ensure you snag your favourites.

And trying to find a seat at Tennessy Willems, the wood-fired pizza joint across the street, takes some serious pre-planning.

Hintonburg, a rough-around-the-edges neighbourhood just minutes west of Ottawa's downtown, is home to a flourishing strip of corner restaurants, cult take-out joints and hipster hangouts.

The new foodie haven has a certain DIY quality. The TacoLot and SuzyQ's are both housed in simple shacks, with little fussy adornment. People sit on picnic tables or on stools and get sticky fingers. "This neighbourhood is awesome ... I live here now again," said TacoLot manager Sam Bissessar, who was raised in neighbouring Mechanicsville — formerly one of Ottawa's poorest areas.

"When I grew up there was nothing, no stores, it was a bad neighbourhood. Here now there's a mix of everyone, so I really like that — I always say variety is the spice of life."

Inside Suzy's, the floors are on a tilt. Doughnuts are made by hand in the hot back kitchen, and dropped into an enormous vat of oil. The day's flavours are written on a chalkboard wall — caramel de sel, lemon raspberry, toasted coconut.

Sue Hamer began making homemade doughnuts while working at Canada Post. She got so many orders from work, and later at a local farmer's market, that she decided to make it a full-time gig. "It's just turning out to be a really hip part of town, and I think people like that it's a little edgy still, but there's a lot of fresh, young entrepreneurs like myself who are taking a chance and trying new ideas and it's been received really well," said Hamer.

This stretch of Wellington Street is eclectic. Looming above the newer establishments is the enormous Saint-Francois d'Assise francophone church, built in 1890. Two of the area's anchors are the Elmdale House, a true tavern dating back to the '30s that hosts live bands, and the Giant Tiger, part of regional chain of discount stores.

Neighbourhood favourite Hintonburger was set up inside a defunct KFC outlet. The big bucket on the pole outside is still there, but now families cram in front of the takeout window inside to get fresh-cut fries and homemade burgers.

If you go...

- **Back Lane Cafe:** 1087 Wellington St. W.
- **Hintonburger.** 1096 Wellington St. W.
- **Hintonburg Public House.** 1020 Wellington St. W.
- **SuzyQ Doughnuts:** 991 Wellington St. W.
- **TacoLot:** 995 Wellington St. W.
- **Tennessy Willems:** 1082 Wellington St. W.

The Hintonburg Public House, a buzzing pub with fancier food than most beer joints, features a long wooden bar and mismatched tables and chairs. A kids menu includes housebreaded cod and fries, and sides of broccoli or creamed cabbage.

The Public House and nearby Back Lane Cafe, have both managed to achieve what has largely eluded Ottawa eateries over the years – that neighbourhood-haunt vibe that doesn't come with laminated plastic menus.

Restauranteur George Monsour, owner of the Back Lane, used to run the upscale Ritz chain of restaurants around Ottawa. After a number of years living in Paris, he returned to look for just the right pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood to start up his new venture.

The spot was a bakery nearly 100 years ago, but over time devolved into a drug house next to a sketchy alley. Monsour and the property owners transformed the alley into a patio and the restaurant into a homey niche he calls a cross between a Paris apartment and a farmhouse. He installed two wood-fired ovens in the kitchen with materials from France.

"Rustic chic is where we ended up going. It works. It feels like you're not in downtown Ottawa and it's sort of an escape from main street, which fits the back lane concept," said Monsour.

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Hintonburg might be rough around the edges, but it has good eats.
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A perfumier for a day

On the scent. The French town of Grasse produces most of the world's perfumes. Our writer nosed around

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When a nose is creating a new perfume, they sit down at what is known as an "orgue a parfum," shelves lined with up to 3,000 vials of different notes. I'm to create my own composition from a more modest selection of just 150 bottles of pre-mixed scents, aromas of everything from lavender to pineapple and freshly-cut grass.

They're lined up in neat tiers in the fragrance-making studio at Galimard, one of the three major perfume houses in the French town of Grasse, the heart of the country's perfume-making industry.

One hundred and fifty is still enough choice to challenge the indecisive, especially with the added pressure of having the chance to create my dream perfume. Fortunately for this morning's session I'm guided by Laurent, one of Galimard's perfumers, who starts me off with a blind-smelling to find out which fragrance group I'm drawn to. He explains the architecture of a perfume: the top notes which are released for the first ten minutes after you apply the scent, the heart notes, which give the perfume its personality and carries for up to five hours, and the base notes, which are the ones which will stick around on a scarf for around seven hours.

To my surprise Laurent says I'm drawn to woody, spicy aromas, and he picks out some base notes he thinks I might like. So the foundations of my perfume are amber, woody, sandalwood and a floral musk, which I pour in measures into a large test tube, one by one, sticking a card tab into it to check how it smells, as I go.

Next up it's time to add the heart notes, the scents that give the scent its personality and will stick with you for up to five hours. I select geranium, ylang ylang, pomegranate flower, tiare — a sort of Tahitian gardenia flower — honeysuckle leaf and aldehyde, a synthetic fragrance first used in Chanel's famous No 5, which I think gives my creation a pleasingly '70s-style vibe.

I'm scent-addled by the time I choose from hundreds of top notes, and end up with wild geranium, rosa centifolia, English tea, green bergamot and tobacco. By the time Laurent hands over my creation, complete with a label boasting the name I've given it, "Vacances a Beaulieu," there are two women still dithering about which top notes they like best.

Fragrance factoids

- **Brands.** The 40 factories in Grasse create formulas for the big-name perfume brands, including Dior, YSL and Chanel. Three perfume factories here create their own fragrances, Fragonard, Molinard and Galimard.
- **Harvest.** Violet and mimosa are harvested in the spring, roses in May and June, lavender in July and jasmine between August and October. Roses are picked daily as new flowers grow through the season, lavender is harvested once a year.
- **Imports.** While there are flower fields in the region around Grasse, the factories here create primary products for the perfume industry mostly from imported flowers. Roses come from Morocco, Turkey and Bulgaria, and Jasmine from Egypt and India.
- **Exclusivity.** In the countryside near to Grasse, there are fields with flowers grown exclusively for major perfume brands including Dior and Chanel.

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5 fragrant experiences

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1 Visit the International Perfume Museum

4000 years of perfume-making are covered in a lively, interactive way at this excellent museum, with exhibits that include Marie-Antoinette's travel kit. museesdegrasse.com

3 Eat flowers

Surprisingly, Chef Yves Terrillon is the only local chef to exploit the perfume connection for his menu. At his restaurant in the pretty nearby town of Tourettes Sur Loup, you can eat prawn and rose petal tagliatelle, ratatouille with lavender and foie gras with violet. You can also learn to cook floral cuisine in his courses at L'Atelier de la Cuisine des Fleurs. crea-t-yvesculinaire.com

2 Create your own fragrance

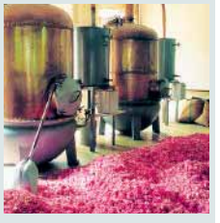
The perfume-making "Studio des Fragrances" runs courses every day. The workshop runs for two hours and is supervised by experts who speak English, German, Italian, Japanese, Finnish and Swedish. The $56 fee includes a 100 ml bottle of your signature Eau de Parfum, and you can order extra bottles of your signature formula online at galimard.com.

4 Eat a floral fougassette

Only in Grasse can you snack on a fougassette – a sort of soft, sweet, doughy flatbread – that is delicately perfumed with orange blossom water. It's only available at Venturi, a tiny bakery just off the square in the old town. Fougassettes Venturini 1 rue Marcel Journet, Grasse. venturini.mauro@orange.fr

5 Learn the history

The visitors' centre of perfume house Galimard is a great place to learn about perfume. The guide explains the different techniques for extracting the scented oils from flowers including jasmine, rose and lavender, which makes just one litre of essential oil from 150 kg of flowers. galimard.fr



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Underwater city vies for UNESCO status

Port Royal. Jamaican port known as the 'wickedest city on Earth' has been mostly submerged since the 17th century

Archaeologists are asking the United Nations' cultural agency to bestow world heritage status on Port Royal, the mostly submerged remains of a historic Jamaican port known as the "wickedest city on Earth" more than three centuries ago.

Receiving the designation from UNESCO would place Port Royal in the company of global marvels such as Cambodia's Angkor temple complex and India's Taj Mahal.

The sunken 17th century city was once a bustling place where buccaneers including Henry Morgan docked in search of rum, women and boat repairs.

International consultants have conducted painstaking surveys to mark the old city's land and sea boundaries to apply for the world heritage designation by June 2014, said Dorrick Gray, a technical director with the Jamaican National Heritage Trust, a government agency responsible for preserving and developing the island's cultural spots.

Port Royal was the main city of the British colony of Jamaica in the 17th century until an earthquake and tsunami submerged two-thirds of the settlement in 1692. It boasted a well-to-do population of roughly 7,000 at the time, and was comparable to Boston.

After the quake, the remainder of the town served as a British royal navy base for two centuries, even as it was periodically ravaged by fires and hurricanes.

In his sprawling book Caribbean, American author James Michener described Port Royal as having "no restraints of any kind, and the soldiers stationed in the fort seemed as undisciplined as the pirates who roared ashore to take over the place night after night. They were of all breeds, all with nefarious occupations."

Recent underwater excavations have turned up several artifacts. DAVID MCFADDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Submerged towns like this just do not exist anywhere else in the Americas."

Underwater archaeologist Robert Grenier

Now, it's a depressed fishing village at the tip of a spit of land near Kingston's airport. It has little to attract visitors except some restaurants offering seafood and a few dilapidated historic buildings. The sunken, algae-covered remnants of the city are in murky waters in an archaeological preserve closed to divers without a permit.

But in recent decades, underwater excavations have turned up artifacts including cannonballs, wine glasses, ornate pipes, pewter plates and ceramic plates dredged from the muck just offshore. The partial skeleton of a child was also found in 1998.

Experts said it's among the top British archaeological sites in the Western Hemisphere and should be protected for future generations. "There is outstanding potential here. Submerged towns like this just do not exist anywhere else in the Americas," said Robert Grenier, a Canadian underwater archaeologist who has worked closely with UNESCO.

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Maroon artwork, depicting a female warrior, is painted on a house.
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Maroons eye tourism to preserve their heritage

Way of life. Descendants of escaped slaves share their traditions with visitors so they aren't relegated to the 'heap of history' says one leader

In a backwoods town along a river cutting between green mountains, quick-footed men and women spin and stomp to the beat of drums. One dancer waving a knife is wrapped head-to-foot in leafy branches, his flashing eyes barely visible through the camouflage.

This traditional dance re-enacts the Jamaican Maroons' specialty: the ambush. It was once a secret ritual of the fierce bands of escaped slaves who won their freedom by launching raids on planters' estates and repelling invasions of their forest havens with a mastery of guerrilla warfare.

But on this day, descendants of those 18th century fugitives are performing for tourists, academics, filmmakers and other curious outsiders in a fenced "Asafu" dancing yard in Charles Town, a once-moribund Maroon settlement in eastern Jamaica that seemed destined to lose its traditions until revivalists gradually brought it back. Maroons in the Caribbean are increasingly showcasing their unique culture for visitors in hopes that heritage tourism will guarantee jobs for the young generation and preserve what remains of their centuries-old practices in mostly remote settlements.

"If we don't follow in the footsteps of our forefathers we will find ourselves on the heap of history," said Wallace Sterling, the "colonel" of the Windward Maroon community of Moore Town. It is one of Jamaica's four semi-autonomous Maroon tracts, each governed by an elected colonel, a title bestowed on Maroon leaders since their battles with the British army, and a council appointed by the leader. Trying to counter the endless tide of migration and assimilation, long secretive Maroons are more and more going public with the old ways — singing sacred songs, drumming, making herbal medicine, talking to ancestral spirits, woodcarving, hunting and "jerking" wild pigs. Maroons are credited with inventing Jamaica's "jerk" style of cooking.

The turn to small-scale tourism for income can safeguard the Maroons' future and their cultural identity, leaders say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 150 artisans from around the world will participate in the Santa Fe International Folk Art Market this weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How a little folk art can go a long way

Santa Fe. World's largest folk art market sends almost all of its $2 million proceeds back to its artisans' communities

The stories are as diverse as the artists themselves. Afghan women who have lifted themselves out of poverty through a co-operative that sells their traditional embroidery, a former cook for the Sudan People's Liberation Army who now sells beaded corsets to help support her family and send her many grandchildren to school. And sisters from Kyrgyzstan who make hand-stitched felt and silk scarves using a family tradition that dates back some 300 years.

The women and their tales are just a sampling of the real lives behind the work that will be featured in New Mexico at the popular Santa Fe International Folk Art Market, which sends 90 per cent of its $2 million-plus annual proceeds back to the artists and programs that can dramatically alter their lives and their communities.

The market is the largest of its kind and runs from this Friday to Sunday, turning Santa Fe's Milner Plaza into a global destination where buyers can mingle with artisans, some of whom have left remote villages for the very first time.

The show is among this artistic mountain enclave's many popular summer events, drawing 20,741 people last year.

The biggest difference between this and Santa Fe's other shows, like its Spanish and Indian markets, is the impact it has in far-flung corners of the globe. Besides making life-saving or life-changing contributions like helping communities build schools, houses and wells for clean drinking water, the effort is also helping to preserve traditional art forms while teaching the artists how to create co-operatives and businesses for selling their wares year-round.

If you go...

- **Santa Fe International Folk Art Market.** folkartmarket.org. July 13-15, on Museum Hill in Santa Fe, N.M. Friday night party, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., $125. Saturday early bird market, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m., $50. Saturday general admission, 9 a.m. on, $15 in advance, $20 at the gate. Sunday general admission, 9 a.m. on, $5 in advance, $10 at the gate.

Now in its ninth year, the market was founded by of Charlene Cerny and Judith Espinar, two longtime fixtures in the Santa Fe art scene and lovers of folk art.

Espinar says the idea blossomed quickly after she called UNESCO for help locating artists.

"(They) said come to Paris, look through the files. We'll give you 10 Gold Medal winners," Espinar said.

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A timeline runs through the museum that highlights challenges the pueblo people have faced.

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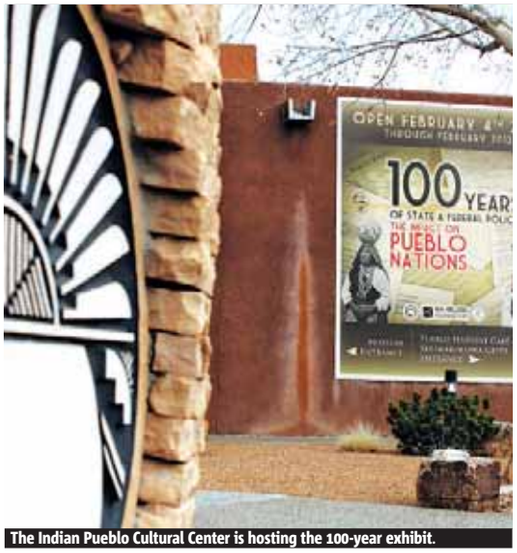

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is hosting the 100-year exhibit.

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Pueblos dig into a century of history in exhibit

New Mexico. An American Indian tribe comes together for the first time to offer their own perspective on the effects of state policies on their people

New Mexico's pueblos have a history with the federal government unlike any other American Indian tribe.

They never signed treaties, and with that came decades of a dual existence. On one hand, they didn't fit the mould the government had established for native people. Still, they were Indian enough to be subjected to policies that called for them to trade in their native languages and send their children to boarding school.

For the first time, the pueblos have come together to offer their own historical perspective on the effects of 100 years of state and federal policy as part of an exhibit at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

Simple black and white designs meant to represent turkey feathers form the basis of a timeline that runs through the museum. Photographs, letters, pottery and other crafts fill the space, while touch screens and QR codes link to more videos, audio interviews and documents.

"The timeline and the points along the timeline are really elements of challenges our pueblo people have faced and how pueblo people through education and through perseverance have risen through these challenges. It's important to teach a younger generation the foundation of why certain things are the way they are," said Travis Suazo, exhibition project manager.

Scattered along the Rio Grande Valley and parts of west-central New Mexico, the pueblos have a storied history that stretches from the conquest of the Spanish to Mexican rule and eventually the westward expansion of the United States. Each decade has brought with it challenges to tribal sovereignty, pueblo leaders say.

The idea of telling the story from the pueblo perspective came from a series of leadership institutes at the Santa Fe Indian School that were established partly by Regis Pecos, a former tribal governor and past director of the state's Indian Affairs agency. One goal was to start a conversation about public policy issues facing tribal communities.

Another was to prepare the next generation so it could effect change.

Aside from pulling together the exhibition, the leadership founders and other experts have been building a curriculum that better tells the pueblo story, said Ron Solimon, executive director of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

"We're aiming at concentric circles of youth, native people and others," he said. "A lot of us — and I include myself — suffer from ignorance on the rich history that our pueblo people have been involved in, especially since the U.S. claimed this area as a territory."

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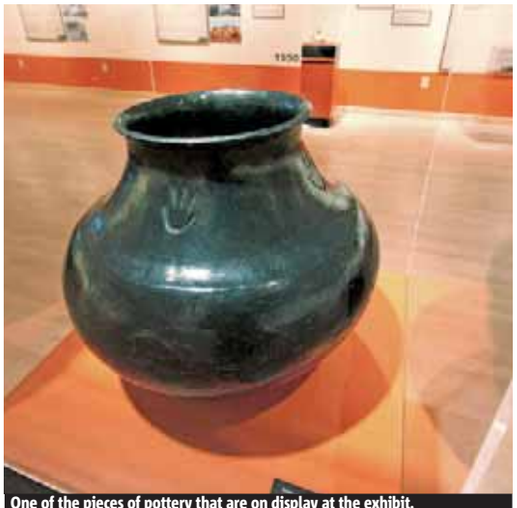
One of the pieces of pottery that are on display at the exhibit.
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Pack strategically for your next trip — and watch the pounds disappear

Ditch that overstuffed leather suitcase and opt for a sleek mini polycarbonate one instead. ISTOCK

Sleek and chic. There's nothing worse than lugging an overstuffed suitcase through an airport — follow these tips for lighter trips

The coveted look for vacationers this summer is sleek and chic — with an emphasis on sleek.

Many travellers, especially air travellers, are aiming to get up and go with as few accoutrements as they can without sacrificing style.

People are thinking about packing light at all stages of the travelling process: from what suitcases they'll use to the souvenirs they'll buy.

Stylist Amanda Ross, fashion director for travel-themed Departures magazine, says she thinks about packing when she's doing her initial shopping. "It really comes down to how you shop and what your

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wardrobe is about."

But even more basic is the bag it will go in.

There are more FedEx boxes of clothes and accessories coming into the lobby of Manhattan's upscale Mondrian SoHo than one might imagine — and fewer luxury-brand suitcases that would complement the handbags that its typical fashion-savvy guests carry, says hotel general manager Gary Thomas.

He personally uses that send-ahead system. "You don't have to carry anything then or worry about an extra pound or two, and it's even more reliable than taking it with you."

There are also fewer last-minute items, the ones you rarely "need," tossed in, he says.

"The weight issue has become huge, especially in the past year," agrees Dan Tarala, vice-president of product design and strategy for Victorinox Travel Gear. "It's the No. 1 thing we hear."

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"It really comes down to how you shop and what your wardrobe is about"

Stylist Amanda Ross on how to plan packing for a trip

The complaints started in Europe, he says, but have moved west and east, north and south. When he started with Victorinox almost 10 years ago, the goal was to get a suitcase that could be used for two weeks down to 17 pounds; now it's five pounds.

Of course, consumers want to shed weight without losing any of the features they have come to like or looks they want to wear.

In the world of suitcases, that means wheels still rule. They've just changed to smaller, more nimble ones, says Tarala.

The evolving trend toward four wheels instead of two might seem counter-intuitive, but they can be smaller and better distribute weight. They also encourage a lower profile of the bag, which results in more efficient use of the space inside.

Hard-side suitcases made of polycarbonate, as opposed to soft leather or nylon bags, are gaining wider acceptance, Tarala says. The hard bags need less framing inside.

They offer durability comparable to nylon, and the modern design can rival the luxury of leather.

"The shift is not just looking at the main body material," Tarala says.

"We are looking at the overall frame: switching to honeycombs and laminated foam instead of solid pieces, less dense nylons versus metal for hardware and connection points. We don't want to take anything away from the customer."

He recommends using a 50-50 split case — the middle divider is the difference between everything inside the bag shifting "all over the place," Tarala says — and starting packing by filling the voids near the handles and the wheel casings.

Ross puts the heaviest item in first: her shoes. She tries to restrict herself to one pair of flat daytime shoes and a dressier pair of evening heels. They have to go with everything, she says, but she won't skimp with shoes that are flimsy, even if they are lighter. That would be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Could you get away with only black shoes? Only brown? By starting off thinking that way, you'll end up organizing your outfits ahead of time, which minimizes extra last-minute stuff, Ross says.

Whether it's business or leisure travel, Ross wears a lot of dresses on the road. "They're the least amount of work, the least amount of thought — and the most multipurpose. You can change from a flat to heel and wear the same thing all day."

She's particularly fond of seasonless jersey dresses that don't wrinkle, even if rolled up tight. And, Ross says, there's definitely no hangers in her bag. "Even if I'm going to an 'event,' it could be cocktail to black-tie, I pack my dress in a plastic dry-cleaner bag, folded in half."

Ross also relies on cashmere cardigans and wraps, which are still needed in summer. They will fold up flatter than you expect, she says.

Jewelry is the one thing she brings knowing that it adds heft to her bag, but it adds even more style. It goes in her carry-on, shopper-style bag with her computer, phone and notebook. Ross says she treats that bag as a mobile office, leaving most personal clutter out of it. She will tuck inside a clutch handbag if a more formal occasion is on the itinerary, and if the trip involves sightseeing, a small day bag with a chain strap.

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Buy it. Skip packing all those grooming extras and buy them on the way

Stylist Amanda Ross says to cut more weight, she leaves her blow-dryer at home.

"If a hotel doesn't have it, I won't blow-dry my hair, but that almost never happens," Ross says.

Mondrian hotel's general manager Gary Thomas says she's safe leaving it — and a lot of other things — behind. He has traded a nice leather dopp kit for a few key things (his toothbrush, for one) in a plastic bag.

Hotels expect to provide many grooming products, especially with the liquid limits on airplanes, and many hotels, even — and maybe especially — those in remote locations have retail stores.

Thomas suspects some people are "strategically underpacking" so they'll have an excuse to shop.

Buying an umbrella, sweater or rain jacket is probably a smarter (and more fashionable) souvenir than a tchotchke, he says.

Still, he packs his hair gel. He's not willing to chance that. "It's very specific."

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No-wrinkle cropped pants are a smart thing to pack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Centenarian has sired hundreds of offspring and helped save his kind from the brink of extinction

Lonesome George's inability to reproduce made him a global symbol of efforts to halt the disappearance of species. And while his kind died with him, that doesn't mean the famed giant tortoise leaves no heir apparent.

The Galapagos Islands have another centenarian who fills a shell pretty well. He's Diego, a prolific, bossy, macho reptile.

Unlike Lonesome George, who died June 24, Diego symbolizes not a dying breed but one resurrected.

Having sired hundreds of offspring, Diego has been central to bringing the Espanola Island type of tortoise back from near extinction, rangers at Galapagos National Park say.

Diego was plucked from Espanola by expeditioners sometime between 1900 and 1930 and wound up in the San Diego Zoo in California, said the head of the park's conservation program, Washington Tapia.

Diego is estimated to be the father of nearly half the 1,781 tortoises born into the breeding program on Santa Cruz island in the Galapagos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the U.S. zoo returned him to the Galapagos in 1975, the only other known living members of his species were two males and 12 females.

Chelonoidis hoodensis — some consider it species, some a subspecies — had been all but destroyed, mostly by domestic animals introduced by humans that ate their eggs.

So Diego and the others were placed in a corral at the park's breeding centre on Santa Cruz, the main island in the isolated archipelago whose unique flora and fauna that helped inspire Charles Darwin's work on evolution. Diego was so dominant and aggressive, bullying other males with bites and shoves, that he had to be moved eight years later to his own pen, with five of the females. The reptiles are not monogamous.

"Diego is very territorial, including with humans," said his keeper, Fausto Llerena. "He once bit me, and two weeks ago he tried (again) to bite me. When you enter his pen, Diego comes near and his intentions aren't friendly."

Quoted

"Diego is very territorial, including with humans"
Tortoise keeper Fausto Llerena

A U.S.-based herpetologist for the Galapagos Conservancy, Linda Cayot, says Diego is the most sexually active of the bunch because he's the biggest and the oldest of the males.

"In tortoises, the biggest dominates. It's not that the others aren't active. It's just that he's dominant," she says.

Tapia said it is impossible to know Diego's age, but he is well over 100. He estimates Diego is the father of 40 to 45 per cent of the 1,781 tortoises born in the breeding program and placed on Espanola island.

At least 14 species of giant tortoise originally inhabited the islands 620 miles (1,000 kilometres) off Ecuador's Pacific coast and 10 survive, their features developing in sync with their environment, as Darwin observed.

Espanola, which encompasses 130 square kilometres, is arid, and in order to reach vegetation high off the ground, the tortoises there developed the longest legs and necks of any other species in the archipelago.

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There's more to Transylvania than Dracula

Tranquil haven. A post-communist exodus has helped preserve the pristine landscape of this part of Romania

On the last day of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Prince Charles joined his mother at Buckingham Palace and waved to the crowds in a ceremony watched by millions around the globe.

The next day, the 63-year-old heir to the British throne was a world away, in the heart of Transylvania, a tranquil haven he calls "the jewel in Romania's crown," soaking up rural scenes that look like pages from Grimms' fairy tales.

Here, in the small 13th century town of Saschiz, life has all but stood still. With its UNESCO heritage site of a Saxon fortified church, wolves and bears roaming the woods, and lush meadows brimming with fruits untainted by chemical fertilizers, it is an unspoiled treasure luring Westerners — like Prince Charles — in search of a quieter life.

"This area is Europe's last great lowland landscapes ... and this part of Transylvania is unique — miles and miles of wildflower-rich grasslands, rolling hills with oak and beech forest sheltering wolves, bears, and eagles. And all this is still in ecological working order, in which small-scale farmers coexist with the richest natural diversity of anywhere in Europe," said Nat Page, a former British diplomat who now works as a conservationist.

After communism ended in 1989, the region spiraled into economic and social decline as tens of thousands of well-educated young and middle-aged Saxons, descended from a Germanic tribe that settled here in the 13th century, emigrated to Germany in search of better jobs and a more stable lifestyle. Their administrative and farming skills and business savvy left a dent in the community, but another trend is emerging: Entrepreneurs and conservationists, mostly British, are moving to Transylvania to turn the bounty of the land into a thriving and sustainable business while respecting the environment and providing a livelihood for local residents.

Take the humble rhubarb. The Saxons brought the rhubarb to Romania 800 years ago and the pink-stalked fruit, together with the elderflower and a basketful of other hedgerow fruit, are the core of business here. Jams and relishes based on traditional Saxon recipes are sold in places as diverse as Bucharest airport's duty free shop and London's Fortnum & Mason, the upscale store known for specialty goods and products approved by the royal family.

But the elderflower is king of the crops here. It is so abundant that a study found 26 tons of elderflowers bought by a British company from 1,200 residents represent just three to four per cent of the local elderflower harvest. After the flowers are picked, the juice is extracted from the scented cream petals and is then sent to Britain to be bottled as delicate elderflower cordial, sold in upmarket supermarkets and pubs.

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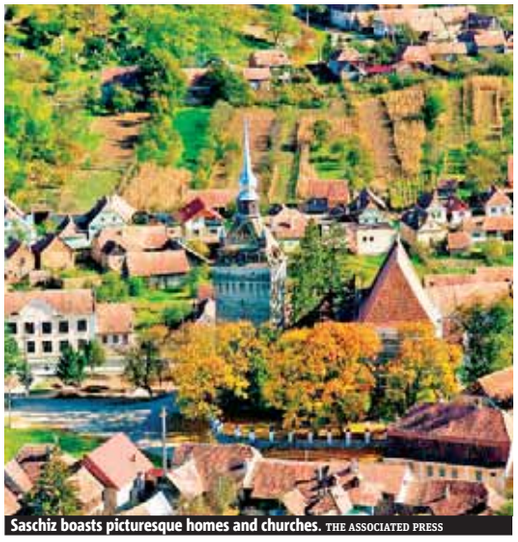
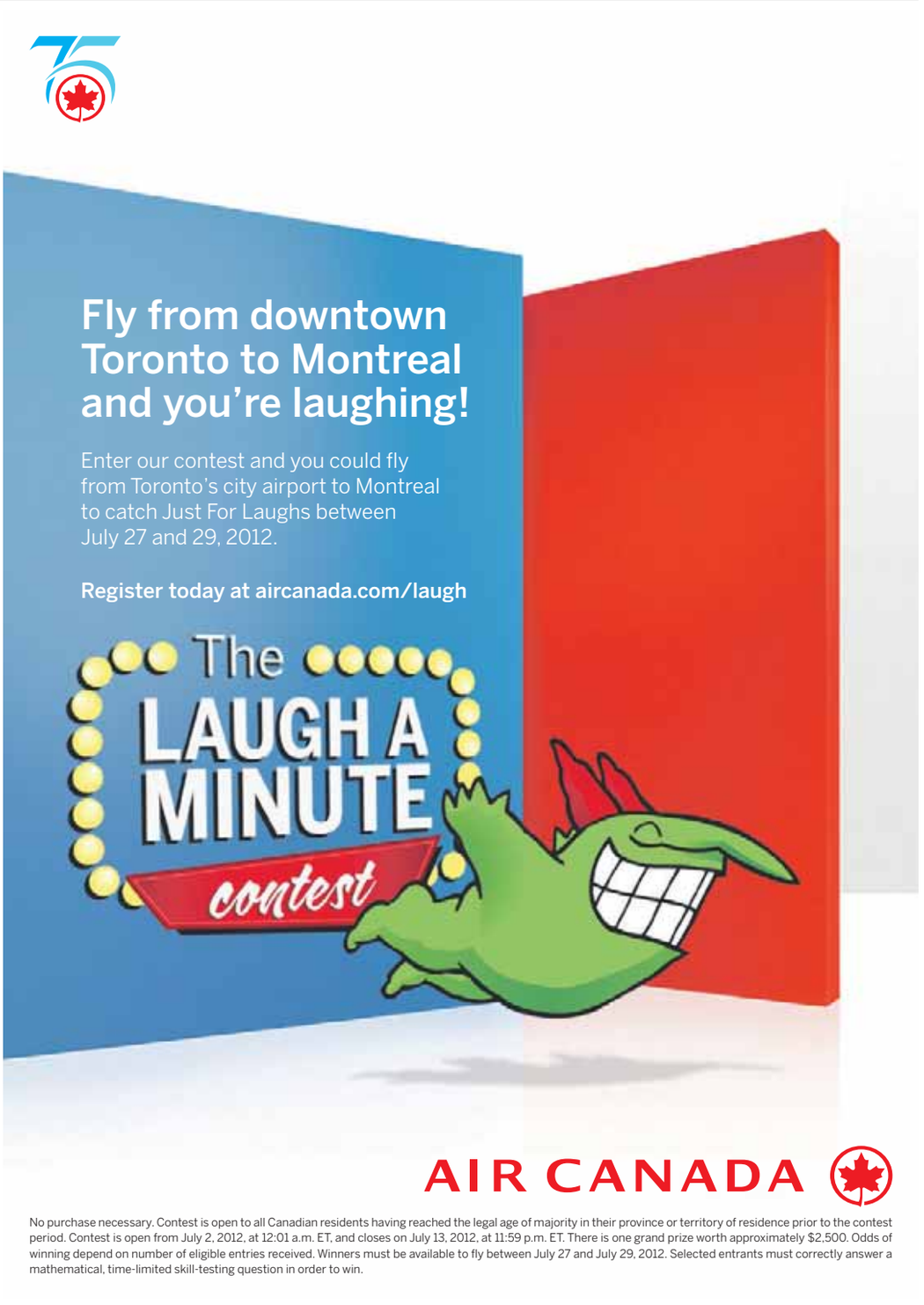


Saschiz boasts picturesque homes and churches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The verdant Romanian countryside provides a relaxing respite from much of Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family ties

Vampire tales. Is the Royal Family jumping on the vampire bandwagon too? Prince Charles' professed love for Transylvania and his claims to be related to Vlad the Impaler, the blood-thirsty Romanian prince who inspired Bram Stoker's 19th century Dracula novel, have clearly boosted tourism and interest in the area. The fabled town of Sighisoara, where Vlad was born, is 15 kilometres from Saschiz.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Turn cherries upside down (literally) in simple, yet mouth-watering, cake

Ingredients

Filling
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup (125 m) brown sugar
- 4 cups (1 l) California cherries, pitted

Cake
- 1/2 cup (125 m) unsalted butter
- 1 cup (250 m) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp (10 ml) vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each baking soda and salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) buttermilk
- Icing sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Grease a 9-inch (23-cm) baking pan. In small pan, melt butter, then stir in brown sugar, and cook until sugar dissolves and boils for 1 minute. Pour into pan and spread evenly. Arrange cherries in a single layer over sugar mixture.

2. Using an electric mixer, beat butter until creamy. Gradually add sugar and continue to beat until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, scraping down sides until blended. Add vanilla and beat. In a small bowl, stir flour with baking powder, baking soda, salt and nutmeg. Gradually add flour to butter mixture alternately with milk, starting and ending with flour.

3. Spread batter evenly over cherries. Bake in centre of preheated oven until a toothpick comes out clean, about 60 to 70 minutes. Check cake after 50 minutes, and cover loosely with foil if getting too dark. Run a knife around the edge of cake pan. After 15 minutes, carefully invert onto a cake plate. Serve warm or at room temperature. Just before serving, dust with icing sugar if you like. **NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Cherry Upside Down Cake

This recipe serves 10. NEWS CANADA

Drink of the Week

Orange Dreamsicle Milkshake

For the frosty part of this milkshake, go with sorbet. Though high in sugar, sorbets generally have no fat. For creaminess, use cottage cheese. The curds blend smooth with a rich and creamy texture. Add in a bit of fat-free half-and-half to finish.
- 1 cup orange sorbet (mango also is good)
- 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth. If you prefer a thinner consistency, drizzle in additional half-and-half while the blender is running until you get the desired consistency. Serve immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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I need help with the hunt! Getting you from looking for a job to locking one down

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Which qualities are essential to entry-level job search success? I love having a chance to answer this question because the qualities which are important in job searching are often overlooked.

A lot of time is spent determining the 'right' skills and worrying about having the 'right' degree. Not a lot of time is spent thinking about the process of the job search itself, and what helps you to see it through to completion (i.e., to a job offer!).

Persistence

The importance of persistence is obvious. Any job search takes time and effort. And while you will find success at the end, and lots of interesting information, helpful people, and a variety of leads, along the way, there will inevitably also be doors that close, dead ends, and unhelpful people too.

When and if you stumble (and we all do), it's the ability to pick yourself up and keep going that will get you to your goal. It seems corny to say "never give up," but really being persistent and holding on to the belief that things will happen, is one of the most important qualities for successful job searching.

Commitment to networking

Almost every successful job search is based on networking. And not just the activity of networking, but the personal commitment to get out there and continually work on your networking. For some people this is really taking yourself out of your comfort zone.

It can be way easier to just sit at your computer (alone, in your comfortable home) and surf job posting sites. Talking with people, real live people, can seem way scarier, but, ultimately, job search success comes from continuing to be committed to connecting with people.

Flexibility

Being flexible means being open to the unexpected opportunities and ideas that will come your way as you job search. Where we end up is rarely exactly where we expected. Your job search is not usually like going to the grocery store, where you head directly to the aisle with the product you want, and grab it. It is more like an exploration.

Until you have done a lot of your research and job searching, you won't know which aisles have what and what jobs in what organizations are even available right now.

And what is available will be constantly changing. More often I find that successful people narrow things done to a focus, but a focus that leaves space for some flexibility.

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Student Voice

The key to my success? Staying specific

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Before my final year at York University, I began to look for opportunities and started to follow up with my networks. It was not as easy as it looked.

I was successful in getting interviews, but actually landing a job was fairly difficult. In my final semester, I went through about five interviews in which I had a zero per cent success rate. I was nervous when graduation day came and I still had no full-time job.

Even with experience throughout school, it was extremely difficult to land your 'type' of job. I realized soon enough that I was all over the industry and had the mindset of just 'landing a job.' I hadn't cared about where I was looking and which was my first step to failure. Then I soon realized I wanted to target specific companies in the banking industry through my networks and was able to land a job successfully.

Where I am now

I currently am employed at CIBC World Markets as a Financial Analyst. I am looking to apply to B-school for September 2013.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

Emphasis should be placed on developing new skills and educating students on how to gain a competitive advantage.

Schools should organize networking events on a regular basis as it would allow students and new graduates to have some sort of motivation, especially with the downturn of the economy.

My recommendations for students

Get involved and start networking. When I started my first year at York University, I did not know where to look for advice, nor was I receiving any. I personally wouldn't want students to network solely in their final year of school rather than throughout their degree. What makes him/her stand out from other graduates/students? How is he/she more qualified? Why should we choose him/her? These are some of the questions employers tend to ask themselves when choosing their desired applicants. Do something different, get involved and network!

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Stroman's Blue Jays journey underway in Vancouver

MLB. Highly-touted pitching prospect 'ready to go' in single-A

Marcus Stroman hopped on a bus Tuesday morning as he began the ride to what he hopes will be a career in the big leagues.

The Toronto Blue Jays pitching prospect, chosen in the first round of this year's Major League Baseball draft, is getting ready to commence his career with the Vancouver Canadians of the single-A Northwest League amidst high hopes from the parent club.

He is expected to take the mound Wednesay against the Boise Hawks.

"I feel like I'm ready to go," said the 21-year-old. "There'll definitely be some butterflies in my stomach when I'm out there for my professional debut, but I'm excited, man. I can't wait to get out there and compete. I'm ready to roll."

The Blue Jays took Stroman with the 22nd pick overall. Assistant general manager Andrew Tinnish, formerly the team's scouting director, and Toronto manager John Farrell have said Stroman could rise to the majors by September. Usually, clubs avoid such predictions about players starting out in single-A ball.

Marcus Stroman pitches against Japan last July. JIM R. BOUNDS/THE ASSOCIATEED PRESS FILE

"I've started to develop a pretty close relationship with some of the guys here, and I'm just enjoying them," said Stroman. "The guys are awesome on this team. So I'm not worried about moving up or anything. "

Quoted

"I'm just trying to focus on what I can do for the Vancouver Canadians."

Toronto Blue Jays pitching prospect Marcus Stroman on focusing on his single-A career and not a quick jump to the major leagues.

The right-hander from Long Island, N.Y., joined the Jays organization after three standout seasons at Duke University, where he struck out 136 batters in 98 innings last season. He also starred for USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team in the summer of 2011 as a closer.

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MLB players to discuss expanded HGH testing for next season

The American League's Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers pitches against the National League's Carlos Gonzalez of the Colorado Rockies during the first inning of baseball's all-star game on Tuesday night in Kansas City. Union head Michael Weiner, speaking to the Baseball Writers' Association of America, said Tuesday afternoon that players will be discussing whether to expand testing for human growth hormone to the regular season in 2013. Each player was given a blood test for HGH during spring training as part of the labour contract that was agreed to in November, which allows blood testing during the off-season and spring training, and if there is reasonable cause. For more coverage of the all-star game, go to metronews.ca/sports. DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY IMAGES

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NBA

Heat add 3-point threat Lewis

Rashard Lewis has decided to join the Miami Heat, becoming yet another shooting option for the reigning NBA champions. Agent Tony Dutt said the free agent forward and the Heat agreed to terms on Tuesday, and Lewis is expected to sign his contract Wednesday in Miami. Lewis' decision comes just four days after Ray Allen agreed to accept an offer from Miami.

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Mobile sports

Diego Maradona was popular with fans and helped put United Arab Emirates soccer on the map, but after his team finished eighth in a 12-team league, he was fired on Tuesday after one season as coach of Dubai club Al Wasl. Scan the code for the story.

NBA

Raptors sign Ross to rookie deal

The Toronto Raptors announced the signing of first-round draft pick Terrence Ross on Tuesday.

The University of Washington guard signed a two-year contract, with two team option years to follow.

Ross, who averaged 16.4 points and 6.4 rebounds last season with the Huskies, was selected eighth overall.

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Maple Leafs not on Rick Nash's wish list

NHL. Columbus newspaper reveals six teams Nash would trade to – none of which are in Canada

Rick Nash — a power forward looking for a way out of the lowly Columbus Blue Jackets — will not approve a trade to his once-beloved Maple Leafs.

The Columbus Dispatch uncovered the six teams that Nash would approve a trade to, and none of them are in Canada.

Nash's list of "approved" destinations are: Boston, Detroit, New York Rangers, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and San Jose.

Nash has represented Canada seven times internationally, winning Olympic gold in 2010 and world championship gold in 2007. But it appears to NBC analyst Brian Engblom that Nash wants to avoid the microscope that comes with playing hockey in Canada.

"It says he wants to get away," Engblom told the Dispatch.

Rick Nash at the Kentucky Derby in May in Louisville, Ky. GETTY IMAGES

"Every guy is different. Look at the kid (Justin Schultz) that just signed with Edmonton as a free agent. From what I could tell, he only wanted to play in Canada. I played in Canadian and U.S. markets, and I can tell you, it is different. To each his own. Some guys thrive on being under that microscope, of having that daily pressure of everybody watching you. And some guys really don't like that."

Blue Jackets GM Scott Howson has been criticized for asking too much for Nash, a 28-year-old right winger who hasn't scored fewer than 30 goals in the last five years.

It's believed Howson wants two NHL-ready players, two blue-chip prospects and a high draft pick for Nash. The Leafs might not have been able to meet such criteria.

Other teams, notably the Rangers, refused such high demands at the trade deadline. It was noted recently to Torstar News Service by one Rangers front-office employee that Howson wanted so much, the Rangers would look like the Blue Jackets by the end of the trade.

Nash, with a $7.8 million cap hit, would be the highest paid player on five of the six teams he's approved. Only Pittsburgh, with Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin each making $8.7 million, have higher-priced players.

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Monthly for 48 months O.A.C. $0 down payment. Includes Freight, PDI and Levies. Taxes extra.*
$0 DOWN PAYMENT!
Cruze LT Turbo

FINANCE FROM 0%
2012 ORLANDO LS
$21,495 PURCHASE PRICE Includes Freight, PDI and Levies. Taxes extra.*
$165 FOR 60 MONTHS
Bi-weekly for 60 months O.A.C. $0 down payment. Includes Freight, PDI and Levies. Taxes extra.*
$0 DOWN PAYMENT!
Orlando LTZ

FINANCE FROM 0%
2012 EQUINOX LS FWD
$27,495 PURCHASE PRICE Includes Freight, PDI and Levies. Taxes extra.*
$151 FOR 84 MONTHS
Bi-weekly for 84 months O.A.C. $0 down payment. Includes Freight, PDI and Levies. Taxes extra.*
$0 DOWN PAYMENT!
Equinox LTZ

† Purchase financing offer applies to the purchase of new 2012 Chevrolet Orlando LS R7B and 2012 Chevrolet Equinox LS FWD/R7A. 0% purchase financing offered by GMCL for 60 months on 2012 Chevrolet Orlando LS R7B and 84 months on 2012 Chevrolet Equinox LS FWD/R7A O.A.C by Ally/TD/Scotia Bank. Offer is available to retail customers in Canada only. Dean Myers may modify, extend, or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See Dean Myers for details. †† Lease offer applies to the lease of a new 2012 Chevrolet Cruze LS R7A O.A.C by Ally/TD/Scotia Bank for $220 monthly for 48 months to a maximum of 20,000 km per year. Offer is available to retail customers in Canada only. Dean Myers may modify, extend, or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See Dean Myers for details. *Freight & PDI ($1,495), registration, air and tire levies and OMVIC fees included. Insurance, license, and applicable taxes not included. Offers apply to as indicated to 2012 new or demonstrator models of the vehicle equipped as described. Dealer order or trade may be required. Limited time offers which may not be combined with any other offers. GMCL may modify, extend, or terminate offers in whole or part without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See Dean Myers for details. Δ Dean Myers Chevrolet Ltd. Is not in any way affiliated with Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Test drive must be with one eligible new 2012 Chevrolet Buick or GMC vehicle. One test drive ballot per household. To be eligible for the $10,000 Yorkdale Gift Certificate Contest, test drive must be completed by Friday August 31, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Draw will be held at Dean Myers 3180 Dufferin Street on Saturday September 1, 2012 at 2:00pm. Dean Myers Chevrolet Ltd. reserves the right to amend or terminate this or any offer for any reason in whole or in part at any time without notice. See a product specialist or visit www.deanmyers.com/shoppingspree_rulesandregulations.aspx for full contest rules and regulations.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	33	.612	—
Baltimore	45	40	.529	7
Tampa Bay	45	41	.523	7½
Boston	43	43	.500	9½
Toronto	43	43	.500	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	38	.553	—
Cleveland	44	41	.518	3
Detroit	44	42	.512	3½
Kansas City	37	47	.440	9½
Minnesota	36	49	.424	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	52	34	.605	—
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	4
Oakland	43	43	.500	9
Seattle	36	51	.414	16½

Tuesday's Games
All-Star Game at Kansas City, MO, 8:15 p.m.
Fridays games
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Saturday's games
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.
Sunday's games
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

ALL-STAR GAME RESULTS

2011 — National, 5-1
2010 — National, 3-1
2009 — American, 4-3
2008 — American, 4-3 (15 innings)
2007 — American, 5-4
2006 — American, 3-2
2005 — American, 7-5
2004 — American, 9-4
2003 — American, 7-6
2002 — Tied 7-7 (11 innings)
2001 — American, 4-1
2000 — American, 6-3
1999 — American, 4-1
1998 — American, 13-8
1997 — American, 3-1
1996 — National, 6-0
1995 — National, 3-2
1994 — National, 8-7 (10 innings)
1993 — American, 9-3
1992 — American, 13-6
1991 — American, 4-2
1990 — American, 2-0
1989 — American, 5-3
1988 — American, 2-1
1987 — National, 2-0 (13 innings)
1986 — American, 3-2
1985 — National, 6-1
1984 — National, 3-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	34	.590	—
Atlanta	46	39	.541	4
New York	46	40	.535	4½
Miami	41	44	.482	9
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	48	37	.565	—
Cincinnati	47	38	.553	1
St. Louis	46	40	.535	2½
Milwaukee	40	45	.471	8
Chicago	33	52	.388	15
Houston	33	53	.384	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	40	.540	—
San Francisco	46	40	.535	½
Arizona	42	43	.494	4
San Diego	34	53	.391	13
Colorado	33	52	.388	13

Friday's games
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's games
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 8:05 p.m.

ALL-STAR GAME MVPS

2011 — Prince Fielder, Milwaukee, NL
2010 — Brian McCann, Atlanta, NL
2009 — Carl Crawford, Tampa Bay, AL
2008 — J.D. Drew, Boston, AL
2007 — Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle, AL
2006 — Michael Young, Texas, AL
2005 — Miguel Tejada, Baltimore, AL
2004 — Alfonso Soriano, Texas, AL
2003 — Garret Anderson, Anaheim, AL
2002 — No Winner.
2001 — Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore, AL
2000 — Derek Jeter, New York, AL
1999 — Pedro Martinez, Boston, AL
1998 — Roberto Alomar, Baltimore, AL
1997 — Sandy Alomar Jr., Cleveland, AL
1996 — Mike Piazza, Los Angeles, NL
1995 — Jeff Conine, Florida, NL
1994 — Fred McGriff, Atlanta, NL
1993 — Kirby Puckett, Minnesota, AL
1992 — Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle, AL
1991 — Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore, AL
1990 — Julio Franco, Texas, AL
1989 — Bo Jackson, Kansas City, AL
1988 — Terry Steinbach, Oakland, AL
1987 — Tim Raines, Montreal, NL
1986 — Roger Clemens, Boston, AL
1985 — LaMarr Hoyt, San Diego, NL
1984 — Gary Carter, Montreal, NL

HOME RUN DERBY WINNERS

2012 - Prince Fielder, Detroit Tigers (Kauffman Stadium)
2011 - Robinson Cano, N.Y. Yankees (Chase Field)
2010 - David Ortiz, Boston Red Sox (Angel Stadium)
2009 - Prince Fielder, Milwaukee Brewers (Busch Stadium)
2008 - Justin Morneau, Minnesota Twins (Yankee Stadium)
2007 - Vladimir Guerrero, Los Angeles Angels (AT&T Park)
2006 - Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies (PNC Park)
2005 - Bobby Abreu, Philadelphia Phillies (Comerica Park)
2004 - Miguel Tejada, Baltimore Orioles (Minute Maid Park)
2003 - Garret Anderson, Anaheim Angels (U.S. Cellular Field)
2002 - Jason Giambi, New York Yankees (Miller Park)
2001 - Luis Gonzalez, Arizona Diamondbacks (Safeco Field)
2000 - Sammy Sosa, Chicago Cubs (Turner Field)
1999 - Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle Mariners (Fenway Park)
1998 - Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle Mariners (Coors Field)
1997 - Tino Martinez, New York Yankees (Jacobs Field)

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	1	1	0	54	55	2
Montreal	2	1	1	0	51	68	2
Winnipeg	2	0	2	0	46	74	0
Hamilton	2	0	2	0	52	82	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	2	2	0	0	60	17	4
B.C.	2	2	0	0	72	52	4
Calgary	2	1	1	0	74	49	2
Edmonton	2	1	1	0	20	32	2

WEEK TWO
Sunday's result
Saskatchewan 17 Edmonton 1
Saturday's result
Toronto 39 Calgary 36
Friday's results
B.C. 39 Hamilton 36
Montreal 41 Winnipeg 30
WEEK THREE
Thursday's game
Calgary at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, July 14
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
WEEK FOUR
Wednesday, July 18
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 19
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Friday, July 20
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 21
Montreal at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

STAGE WINNERS

June 30 — Prologue: Liege, Belgium, 6.4 kilometers (4 miles) (Stage: Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Yellow Jersey: Cancellara)
July 1 — First Stage: Liege to Seraing, Belgium, plain, 198 (123) (Peter Sagan, Slovakia; Cancellara)
July 2 — Second Stage: Vise, Belgium to Tournai, Belgium, plain, 207.5 (128.9) (Mark Cavendish, Britain; Cancellara)
July 3 — Third Stage: Orchies, France to Boulogne-sur-Mer, medium mountains, 197 (122.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)
July 4 — Fourth Stage: Abbeville to Rouen, plain, 214.5 (133.3) (Andre Greipel, Germany; Cancellara)
July 5 — Fifth Stage: Rouen to Saint-Quentin, plain, 196.5 (122.1) (Greipel; Cancellara)
July 6 — Sixth Stage: Epernay to Metz, plain, 205 (127.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)
July 7 — Seventh Stage: Tomblaine to La Planche des Belles Filles, medium mountains, 199 (123.7) (Chris Froome, Britain; Bradley Wiggins, Britain)
July 8 — Eighth Stage: Belfort to Porrentruy, medium mountains, 157.5 (97.9) (Thibaut Pinot, France; Wiggins)
July 9 — Ninth Stage: Arc-et-Senans to Besancon, individual time trial, 41.5 (25.8) (Wiggins; Wiggins)
July 10 — Rest Day: Macon
July 11 — 10th Stage: Macon to Bellgarde-sur-Valserine, high mountains, 194.5 (120.9)
July 12 — 11th Stage: Albertville to La Toussuire-Les Sybelles, high mountains, 148 (92)
July 13 — 12th Stage: Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne to Annonay Davezieux, medium mountains, 226 (140.4)
July 14 — 13th Stage: Saint-Paul-Trois-Chateaux to Le Cap d'Agde, plain, 217 (134.8)
July 15 — 14th Stage: Limoux to Foix, high mountains, 191 (118.7)
July 16 — 15th Stage: Samatan to Pau, plain, 158.5 (98.5)
July 17 — Rest Day: Pau
July 18 — 16th Stage: Pau to Bagneres-de-Luchon, high mountains, 197 (122.4)
July 19 — 17th Stage: Bagneres-de-Luchon to Peyragudes, high mountains, 143.5 (89.2)
July 20 — 18th Stage: Blagnac to Brive-la-Gaillarde, plain, 222.5 (138.3)
July 21 — 19th Stage: Bonneval to Chartres, individual time trial, 53.5 (33.1)
July 22 — 20th Stage: Rambouillet to Champs-Elysees, Paris, 120 (74.6)
Total — 3494.4 kilometers (2171.4 miles)

TENNIS

WORLD TOUR RANKINGS

ATP

SINGLES
1. Roger Federer, Switzerland, 11,075 points; 2. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 11,000; 3. Rafael Nadal, Spain, 8,905; 4. Andy Murray, Britain, 7,460; 5. David Ferrer, Spain, 5,430; 6. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 5,230; 7. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, 4,515; 8. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 3,215; 9. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 3,180; 10. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, 2,605.
Also
23. Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., 1,540

WTA

SINGLES
1. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 8,800 points; 2. Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, 8,530; 3. Maria Sharapova, Russia, 8,370; 4. Serena Williams, U.S., 7,360; 5. Sam Stosur, Australia, 6,195; 6. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, 5,275; 7. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 5,170; 8. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, 4,091; 9. Sara Errani, Italy, 3,410; 10. Marion Bartoli, France, 3,400.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	18	10	5	3	23	17	33
D.C. United	18	10	5	3	34	22	33
New York	18	9	5	4	32	27	31
Chicago	18	8	6	4	21	21	28
Houston	18	6	5	7	22	24	25
Columbus	16	6	6	4	17	17	22
New England	17	6	7	4	24	22	22
Montreal	20	6	11	3	27	36	21
Philadelphia	16	5	9	2	18	18	17
Toronto	17	2	11	4	18	33	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	19	11	4	4	36	24	37
Real Salt Lake	20	11	6	3	31	21	36
Vancouver	18	8	4	6	19	19	30
Seattle	19	8	5	6	23	19	30
Los Angeles	19	7	10	2	28	29	23
Colorado	18	7	10	1	25	24	22
Chivas USA	17	5	7	5	11	18	20
Portland	17	5	8	4	16	24	19
Dallas	19	3	9	7	17	27	16

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Sunday's results
Montreal 2 Columbus 1
Philadelphia 3 Toronto 0
Los Angeles 2 Chicago 0
New England 2 New York 0
Wednesday's game
Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Saturday's games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 11 p.m.

NASL

Saturday's results
Fort Lauderdale 3 Carolina 3
Edmonton 1 Puerto Rico 1
Atlanta 2 Minnesota 0
Wednesday's game
San Antonio at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 14
Puerto Rico at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 15
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 4 p.m.

CSL

Sunday's results
Brampton 4 York Region 4
Mississauga 2 Montreal Impact Academy 2
Waterloo 1 Toronto Croatia 0
Friday, July 13
Niagara at SC Toronto, 8 p.m.
Waterloo at Mississauga, 8 p.m.
York Region at TFC Academy, 8 p.m.
Kingston at Serbian White Eagles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, July 14
London at Windsor, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 15
TFC Academy at Brampton, 3 p.m.
Serbian White Eagles at North York, 4:30 p.m.
Mississauga at York Region, 6:30 p.m.
Niagara at Brantford, 7 p.m.
SC Toronto at Windsor, 7:15 p.m.
St. Catharines at Toronto Croatia, 8 p.m.

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

EUROPEAN TOUR

SCOTTISH OPEN
Site: Inverness, Scotland.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Online: www.europeantour.com

US PGA TOUR

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC
Site: Silvis, Illinois
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Online: www.pgatour.com

U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION

U.S. SENIOR OPEN
Site: Lake Orion, Michigan.
Online: www.usga.org
Champions Tour site: www.pgatour.com

US LPGA TOUR

Next event: Evian Masters, July 26-29, Evian Masters Golf Club, Evian-Les-Bains, France. Last week: South Korea's Na Yeon Choi won the U.S. Women's Open at Blackwolf Run for her first major title, finishing at 8 under for a four-stroke victory. She closed with a 73 after shooting a 65 in the second round.
Online: www.lpga.com

AUTO RACING

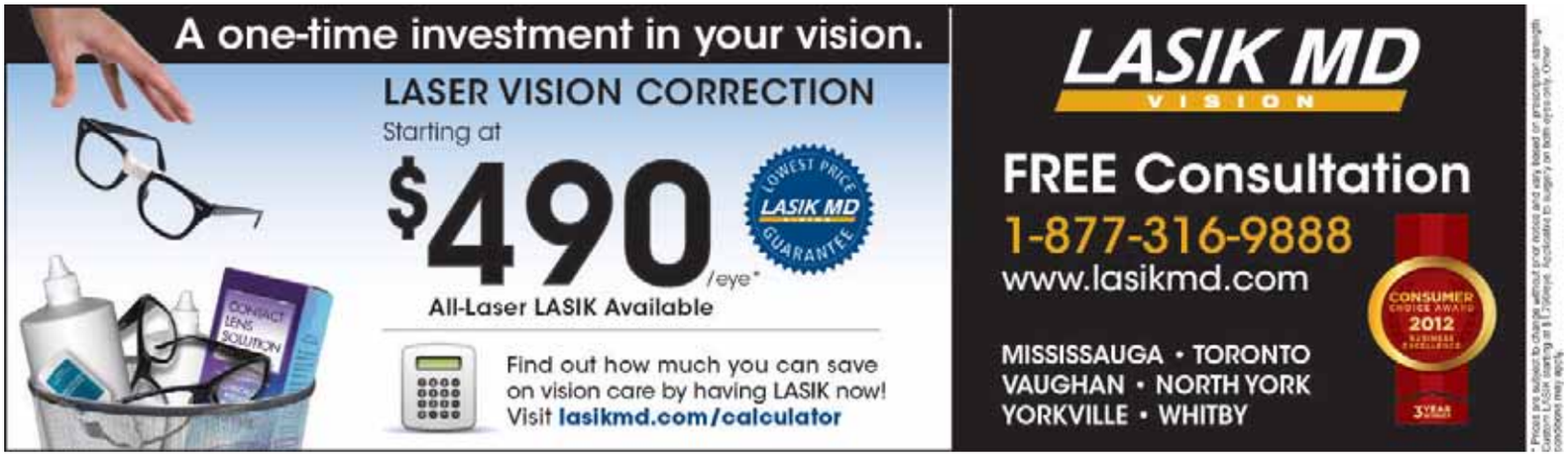
NASCAR

SPRINT CUP

MONEY LEADERS
Through July 7
1. Jimmie Johnson, $4,609,506
2. Matt Kenseth, $4,566,914
3. Tony Stewart, $3,865,010
4. Denny Hamlin, $3,673,618
5. Kyle Busch, $3,450,417
6. Greg Biffle, $3,404,033
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $3,385,525
8. Kevin Harvick, $3,138,118
9. Brad Keselowski, $3,122,260
10. Carl Edwards, $2,921,912
11. Jeff Burton, $2,891,995
12. Jeff Gordon, $2,857,446
13. Martin Truex Jr., $2,853,855
14. Ryan Newman, $2,842,682
15. Clint Bowyer, $2,771,170

NATIONWIDE

MONEY LEADERS
Through July 6
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $749,253
2. Elliott Sadler, $586,973
3. Austin Dillon, $548,759
4. Cole Whitt, $422,483
5. Michael Annett, $416,303
6. Justin Allgaier, $413,138
7. Sam Hornish Jr., $411,748
8. Joey Logano, $403,600
9. James Buescher, $399,649
10. Brian Scott, $394,363
11. Danica Patrick, $374,072
12. Tayler Malsam, $370,338
13. Brad Keselowski, $370,035
14. Kurt Busch, $360,205
15. Jason Bowles, $359,533



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Conservative yet controversial

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

Review. The sleek four-door dials back the design a touch, but maintains its high-style status in VW's lineup

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From a corporate-branding standpoint, it likely makes sense to create a familiar "family" look between products.

Most automakers do it at the front end with the grille, bumper and the headlights. But does it make sense to pull back a good design just to make it fit the mold?

Many would argue that the Volkswagen CC was unique and special enough to have its own signature style, but obviously the corporate bosses disagree.

Right off the bat, let's deal with the controversial side of CC's refreshening.

The delightfully delicate nosepiece hood and headlights attached to all previous models, beginning with the 2009 model year version, were unquestionably more appealing than the just-released 2013 edition. Having said that, the CC is still good looking, only now it has more in common with the conservatively shaped Passat sedan.

And far be it for anyone to judge VW too harshly these days. The automaker is currently the new "in" brand and is selling both the Passat and smaller Jetta sedans just as fast as they roll off of their assembly lines in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Puebla, Mexico, respectively. In addition, its other mix of passenger cars and tall wagons are doing a fairly brisk business.

Overall, the CC might not appeal to buyers with maximum practicality in mind, or fuel economy along with a down-to-earth price. But for a high-style sedan masquerading as a sport coupe that's geared for fun, this Volkswagen remains tops in its class, despite its more familial appearance.

Engines

The CC's two-engine lineup is unaltered. The starting point is a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that directs its power to the front wheels.

For more thrust, you can select an available 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that also comes with Volkswagen's 4Motion four-wheel-drive.

The 2.0 engine can be mated to a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automated manual that VW refers to as a Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG).

2013 Volkswagen CC

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (200); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.2/6.4 (2.0, MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $36,500.

Function over form

On the inside, the most noticeable change is a rear seat that is now a true bench design with a split-folding 60:40 seat back. Before, there was a two-bucket-seat-style arrangement separated by a storage compartment. Again it appears that function has won out over form.

Rear-end redesign

The CC's revised shape is certainly most obvious at the front but to a lesser degree it includes the opposite end where a new set of brighter and faster-acting light-emitting diode (LED) taillights have been installed. Fortunately, the car's signature fastback roofline remains the same sensuous shape as before.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

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Yuck. The noxious smells of spilled beverages, pet whatever, partially eaten food, barfy kids, tobacco smoke and, well, you get the picture. The makers of Eco Touch Odor Eliminator claim the product will "trap and eliminate (odours) on a microscopic level," leaving your vehicle smelling faintly of ... cucumbers. The product works by spraying the affected area on the floor or seat covers (except vinyl or leather) with one or two applications, depending on the severity of the odour, and simply let dry. Sounds promising, and for $8 US for a five-ounce bottle, it's likely worth the attempt. Pick one up at ecotouch.net/odor-eliminator.

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8 cars for the times

Going small — super small in some cases — saves gas, but does that mean the fun is slowly being sapped from your automobile? That's just one perception a number of automakers will likely battle as they showcase light and lively entries in the steadily growing sub-compact-car class. Here are a few small-car offerings worth considering.

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1 Honda CR-Z

Honda's follow-up to the much-loved CRX hatchback is not just any car: it's a gasoline-electric hybrid that can be had with a six-speed manual transmission. At a base price of about $22,600, the CR-Z makes 122 horsepower, but seats just two people. Being a hybrid, city fuel economy is a respectable 6.5 l/100 km.

2 Scion iQ

The iQ has seating for at least two, and possibly as many as four passengers, although those tagging along in the back will have to be child-sized.

A 93-horsepower four-cylinder engine connects to a continuously variable transmission in a car that weighs about 1,000 kilograms, soaking wet.

Base price: $18,300 including destination charges.

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3 Ford Fiesta

Ford's smallest car replaced the Focus as the automaker's price-leader model. Available in both sedan and hatchback styles, the German-designed Fiesta has a thrifty 120-horsepower 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine. Pricing begins at less than $16,000, taxes in.

4 Fiat 500

Chrysler LLC's answer to the Mini Cooper had a rocky start in North America, but the little two-door definitely resonates with some buyers, while the addition of the convertible broadens the customer base. Power comes from a 101-horse 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine, but a performance-oriented "Abarth" model delivers additional gusto with a 160-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder. Prices start at about $15,000, including destination charges.

5 Chevrolet Spark

A cute-as-a-button mini-hatch is built on a General Motors global platform and will stress maximum space use and fuel economy at a minimum ($13,500 estimated) price. A 1.2-litre engine making 85 horsepower is all you get, but it's likely all you'll need with such a small four-door car.

6 Hyundai Accent

What has to be one of the most-improved vehicles on the road still comes in four-door sedan and hatchback formats and although they come with a powerful-for-the-class 138-horse 1.6-litre four-cylinder, the Accent still pulls down 5.0 l/100 km on the highway. With gorgeous styling, the Accent is no longer just an inexpensive car.

7 Mini Coupé and Roadster

The expanding Mini lineup now includes two nifty two seaters. Both the fixed-roof Coupé and the open-top Roadster feature a more streamlined windshield than the four-passenger Cooper, as well as a decent-sized trunk. Like all other Minis, this pair starts with a mild-mannered and thrifty four-cylinder, although more performance-oriented versions can be ordered. Prices begin in the $26,000 range, including destination charges.

8 Mazda2

Built off the same basic platform as the Ford Fiesta, the tiny Mazda2 features plenty of style and a healthy dose of dash from its 102-horsepower four-cylinder engine.

The Mazda2 lineup in Europe and Asia will include a sharp-looking wagon and two-door hatchback, but the only model offered here is the four-door hatchback.

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The Chrysler Aspen, which was an upscale Dodge Durango twin, had a short-lived life with questionable success. Targeting buyers considering the Cadillac Escalade and Lincoln Navigator, this American luxury SUV was only available from 2007 to 2009 before being given the axe.

Aspen got seating for up to eight and a list of luxury goodies — including heated leather, a sunroof, premium audio, wood trim, automatic climate control, memory seating and more.

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Common Issues

A check-engine light — possibly accompanied by reduced power output, a sporadic idle or lumpy acceleration — could be evidence of a bad engine control sensor.

A "scan" of the Aspen's computer system by a dealer-certified mechanic can help ensure no computer-related problems are hiding. Check for smooth shifting, a steady idle, and even, hesitation-free acceleration at both moderate and full throttle.

A problem with the fuel-filler system may cause gas to spew out while filling up. Be sure to ask the seller if they've experienced this issue and whether they've had it remedied by the technical service bulletin issued by Chrysler.

Check for proper operation from all power windows and the sunroof. Proper operation of the climate control system should also be confirmed, and shoppers are also advised to check for rust on the bottom edges of the doors.

Engine

Chrysler's award-winning 5.7-litre HEMI V8 supplied all Aspen models with 335 horsepower. An automatic transmission and four-wheel drive was standard.

What Owners Like

Power output, size and space, comfort and capability are all highly rated in the Aspen owner community. Many owners also report confident towing abilities and passing, thanks to the HEMI powerplant.

What Owners Dislike

Common Aspen complaints include gas mileage, a high step-in height, 'numb' steering and a dated-looking navigation system.

Verdict

The Chrysler Aspen appears relatively reliable and free of glaring mechanical problems. Expect a pleasant ownership experience and plenty of style and capability from a well-maintained used model.

Ford crushes cans to protect vehicle occupants

The all-new 2013 Ford Fusion uses the new crush cans. FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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A common complaint many people have with new cars is that they "crumple up" in a collision. That's planned into the car's design, and it isn't just so you'll have to buy a new one. Cars crumple to protect their occupants — and it's easier to fix a car than a person.

"The car has to absorb the energy of the impact," says Chris O'Connor, front crash safety supervisor for Ford Motor Company.

"If it isn't absorbed in the front of the vehicle, it will go into the occupant compartment."

Ford will introduce new diamond-shaped "crush cans" on the all-new Fusion. Attached to the car's structural rails and tucked behind the front bumper, the hollow metal structures collapse progressively, soaking up crash energy as they do.

In a low-speed collision, they can help reduce damage to the car's front end and components such as the cooling system and horn. In many cases, the structural rails would suffer no damage, and a body shop may be able to just unbolt the bumper and replace the crush cans, O'Connor says.

In a more severe collision, the cans would improve the car's "progressive collapse."

Engineers design vehicles so the car is essentially weakest at the front, with components becoming stronger towards the passenger compartment.

"We would like it to crush from front to back," O'Connor says. "If the front rail buckles in the back, it'll be unstable. You want to first crush the bumper, then the crush can, then the front portion of the rail, then the mid and aft-portion of the rail, and by that time, hopefully you've used up the energy and there's none left for the occupant compartment."

If the crash energy does get into the cabin, it can cause occupant injury, especially if portions of the passenger compartment intrude and slam into the people inside. The safest car is one that crumples around an intact passenger cabin.

While crush cans aren't new, the unique eight-sided shape of Ford's new design is, and it's specifically made for the front. The car also has crush cans at the rear, with designs unique to withstand the forces they may encounter.

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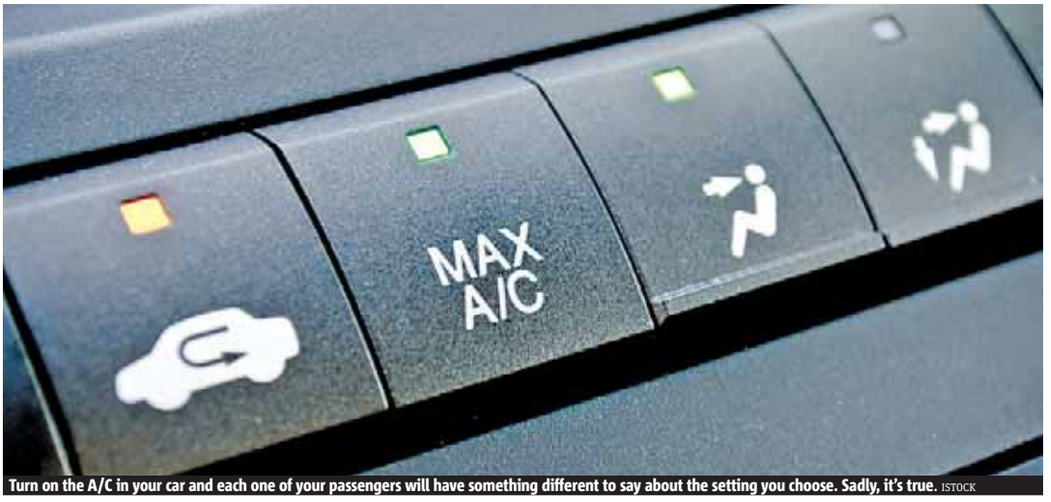

Turn on the A/C in your car and each one of your passengers will have something different to say about the setting you choose. Sadly, it's true. ISTOCK

I have a love-hate thing with vehicular air conditioning. Judging by how often I crank up the air, it's obvious the love side is winning.

But that only means I don't feel good about it, because there are a lot of things I don't like about air conditioning in a car. Here's the shortlist ...

If you have an automatic system that always tries to maintain a pre-set temperature, then you're always in for a treat when you jump in a hot car. The system automatically goes into full freezer mode. A sudden cold blast like that is such a shock to your system. It's particularly hard on my nipples.

Canada's Pollution Probe estimates that driving in the city with the air conditioning on full blast increases fuel consumption by 10 to 25 per cent.

My tendency to always crank it up at the mere hint of discomfort once again reminds me of my incredibly low pain threshold and wavering eco-logical tendencies.

Like I need reminding.

Not one passenger is happy with whatever A/C setting the driver selects.

"Oh you got air conditioning, great. "Could you turn it up a bit?" "Maybe a bit more." "Maybe down a bit now." "How about less on my feet and more on my face?"

After that, they open the window, throwing the carefully constructed eco-system into chaos.

Also, air conditioning is but one more thing that "seals" us into our individual boxes, and all that entails for motoring culture and etiquette. Dogs are my heroes in this regard; they're never happier as when they hang out an open window and face and embrace the world at 60 km/h.

But all this is not to say I want to go back to an un-air-conditioned existence. I like driving with an open window as much as the next guy, but there is a point where pleasure bleeds into pain. Even if open windows keep you cool, the amount of hot air moving around means you can't hear each other or the stereo, and that all the moisture in your body shrivels up in minutes, like the world is a hair dryer and you're Justin Bieber's hair.

By the way, Pollution Probe notes that the increased drag you create by open windows is still better for fuel efficiency than running your A/C — only at illegal high speeds is the situation reversed.

As a general guide, until the noise from the wind rushing past the open windows becomes too loud to speak over, you are saving more fuel by keeping the windows down and the A/C off. Vehicle air conditioning systems, however, are also getting progressively better at using less energy. Hybrids are also pioneering the use of "electrically" driven air conditioning compressors — their big batteries and superior charging abilities give them this opportunity. (Typically, A/C compressors are driven off the engine's accessory drive belt, which makes engines work harder and consequently, thirstier.)

You also gotta love those luxury cars equipped with heated and cooled seats. If it's a scorching day, you owe it to yourself to try one of these seats, and be relieved by having cool air seep into your core area, which includes your groin. It's an experience everyone should have on their bucket list.

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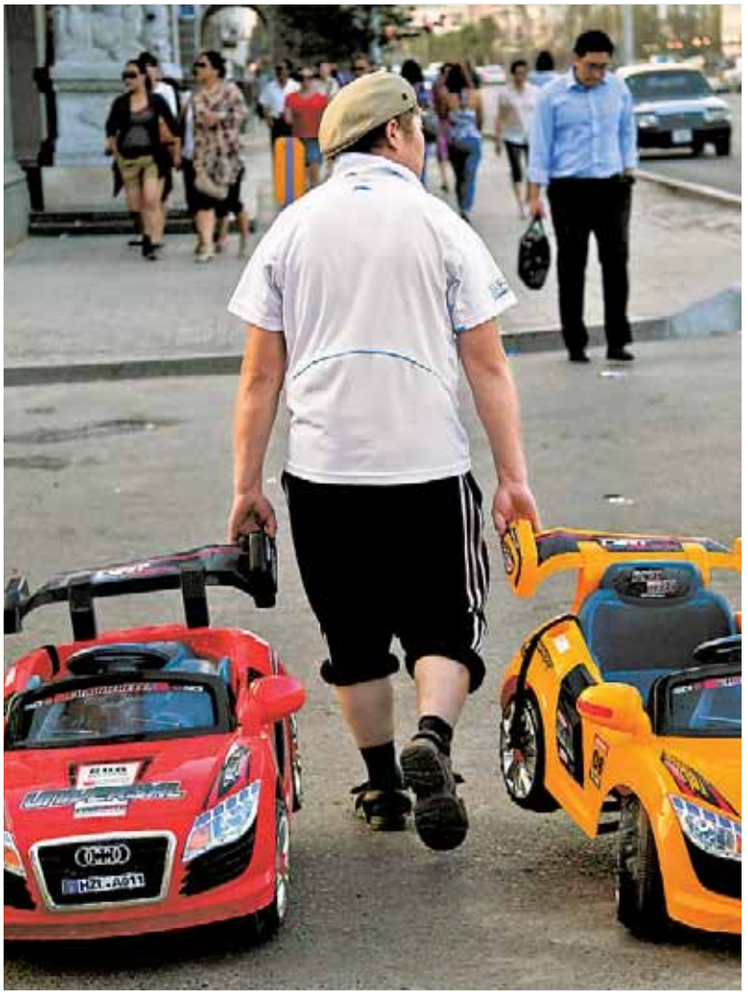

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Taking the Si to 'the next level'

Performance. Honda Civic Si HFP adds more grip to Si's giddy-up

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The Honda Civic Si HFP comes with 18-inch Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires — the same that are used on some super cars. CONTRIBUTED

For the last few decades the most potent Honda Civic model has been the Si. That changed this spring, when Honda introduced the Si HFP. The HFP suffix stands for Honda Factory Performance.

How it changes Si makes me think of Nigel Tufnel's guitar amps, you know, those famously tweaked amps that "go to eleven."

"We're not taking a very pedestrian car and turning it into a sporty car, we're already starting with a sporty car and fine tuning it, to take it to the next level," says Jonathon Wier, who is Honda Canada's product planner for the Civic line, and looks nothing like Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel.

And the fine tuning Wier speaks of is the sort undertaken by those who take their Civic Si models to the racetrack — bigger wheels (18-inch vs. 17-inch), stickier and stiffer tires (Michelin Pilot Super Sport), stiffer springs (by 40-50 per cent), and lowered ride height (by 10 mm). These changes also allow the Si HFP to run with more negative camber on the front suspension, furthering the vehicle's handling ability and steering feel.

The other HFP changes are all cosmetic: Front and side and rear underbody spoilers; Special HFP badging; HFP floormats.

You'll notice that the Si's 2.4-litre engine has not been touched. But we'll remind you that the Si's 2.4-litre engine, rated at 210 hp and 170 lb-ft of torque is a good whack more powerful than Civic's standard 1.8-litre (140 hp/128 lb-ft of torque), and that achieving "the next level" is more efficiently achieved by concentrating on increasing cornering speeds.

We had chance to sample the HFP's impressive cornering abilities in an appropriate venue — the Niagara Drive Centre (a.k.a. as the back runways of the Niagara International Airport, when aircraft are conveniently not taking off and landing).

Not only does increased cornering speeds give you the most performance bang for the buck, the mods that make it possible also give you increased driving satisfaction — sharper handling, more bite when you first turn in, and more stimulating feedback.

Of course the 18-inch Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires, with their bigger and stickier contact patch and super stiffer sidewalls, are the biggest enablers of HFP's increased cornering prowess, but not every compact coupe would be able to make use of them, like this Honda can… These tires are original fitment on a lot of super cars, such as Ferraris, and high-end BMWs and Porsches.

The HFP package is a $2,800 upgrade on the Si model, which starts the party going at $25,990. You can buy all the HFP parts separately or together — if you did the later it would set you back about $4,000.

So relatively speaking, the Civic Si HFP is good value, and you get the benefit of Honda's R&D work in preselecting and engineering these bits to perfectly suit the Si — not the case with all aftermarket performance items.

Honda first tried this "HFP" thing on the Accord last year. Honda Canada only made 200 or so Accord HFPs, but limited availability was exactly the point of the exercise.

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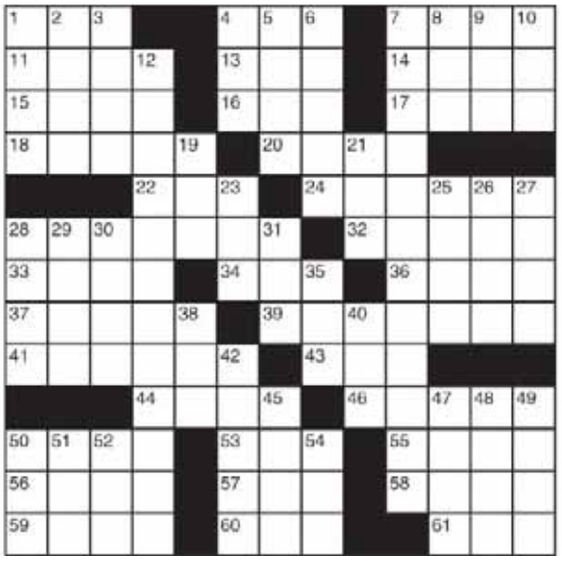

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	5	7	2	4	1	9	3	6
3	1	9	6	5	7	2	4	8
6	4	2	3	9	8	1	5	7
5	3	8	4	6	9	7	1	2
9	7	4	5	1	2	8	6	3
1	2	6	8	7	3	4	9	5
2	6	1	7	3	4	5	8	9
4	8	3	9	2	5	6	7	1
7	9	5	1	8	6	3	2	4

Yesterday's Crossword

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T	O	I	L	■	R	A	Y	■	L	I	M	A	■	■
E	T	E	■	R	E	P	E	L	■	N	E	T	■	■
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S	T	R	O	D	E	■	E	M	P	I	R	E	■	■
■	■	E	A	G	E	R	■	N	A	M	E	S	■	■

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

B D Y C S H B V O P Z V V Z O

B F Y D Z K B F Z L A V U S T Z ,

T B C G U H A S L Y K K G B V

G Y B P V U H K Z Y " L Y U T Y F O A " ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT HIS FAVORITE ASIAN FOOD IS? I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAI AND THAI AGAIN!

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Change may not come easily to those born under the sign of the bull but change you must — and soon. Let the planets guide you today and let the world see that you've got an adventurous side too.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You already know what is and is not possible – you don't need anyone telling you – and if you apply that knowledge, you will enjoy success.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Others may make light of your efforts but the planets indicate you are on the verge of a major success that will make critics green with envy.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Planets warn if you try to get out of what you are expected to do today, you'll have to do twice as much tomorrow.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You have some tough tasks ahead of you and no doubt you are worried that you might fail. Don't be. If you approach what you have to do in the right spirit, you will win through sooner or later – probably sooner.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Saturn in your sign warns you must not take shortcuts. A job that is worth doing is a job that is worth doing well — and a job that is done well is likely to be well rewarded.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will have to be firm with a friend or work colleague today. If you let them off the hook now, they'll only let you down again later. Next time, the consequences will be dire.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Try not to be too eager when negotiating with people who have something you want. If they get the impression that you are desperate, you will end up paying double.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. With Saturn, your ruler, moving through the career area of your chart, you must be serious about your ambitions.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You have been thinking about making some big changes for quite some time but you are still in the same place. It's time to get serious.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Everyone seems to be on your case at the moment and you are wondering what you have done to deserve such negativity. Don't worry, they will get over it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Soul 4u Luxury shown△

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